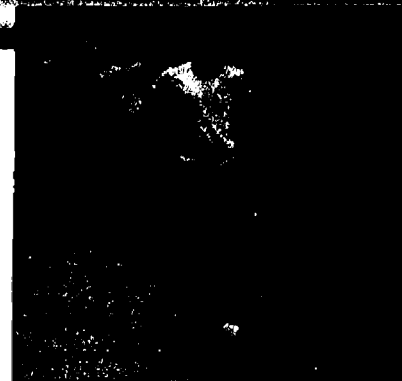




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## Prom alcohol testing revisited

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

After hearing from the attorney for the Crawford AuSable School District, the board revisited the issue of mandatory preliminary breath testing at this year's prom on April 12.

Although other school districts have successfully used the mandatory testing, the board at a special meeting March 25, decided to follow their attorney's advice and use random testing.

This issue of testing for alcohol arose when staff concerns were voiced at the March school board meeting. Assistant high school principal Melissa Stone said there is a definite increase of alcohol use by teens when dances are held on Saturdays.

The staff was concerned about teens drinking and driving to and from the prom being held in Houghton Lake. They also wanted the prom to provide a positive memory for the students.

Because the prom is being held in Roscommon County, deputies of Roscommon County will have to administer the breath test.

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See "PROM ALCOHOL..."

## Brothers' bodies recovered

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two brothers, who disappeared and were presumed drowned in Houghton Lake following a snowmobile mishap on January 12, have now been confirmed dead by the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office.

Divers found the body of 27-year old Jody Sperry, of Houghton Lake, on March 11. That same day, the snowmobiles they were riding when they apparently encountered open waters, were pulled from the lake.

On Wednesday, April 2, the body of 24-year David Sperry, of Grayling, was recovered.

## City water users should turn water off

Earlier this year, the City of Grayling Water Department asked its customers to help keep underground water lines from freezing by keeping a steady, thin, stream of water running from one faucet in their home or business.

As of April 8, the city advises customers can now shut the water off as the spring thaw has begun.

## Current conflict brings back memories

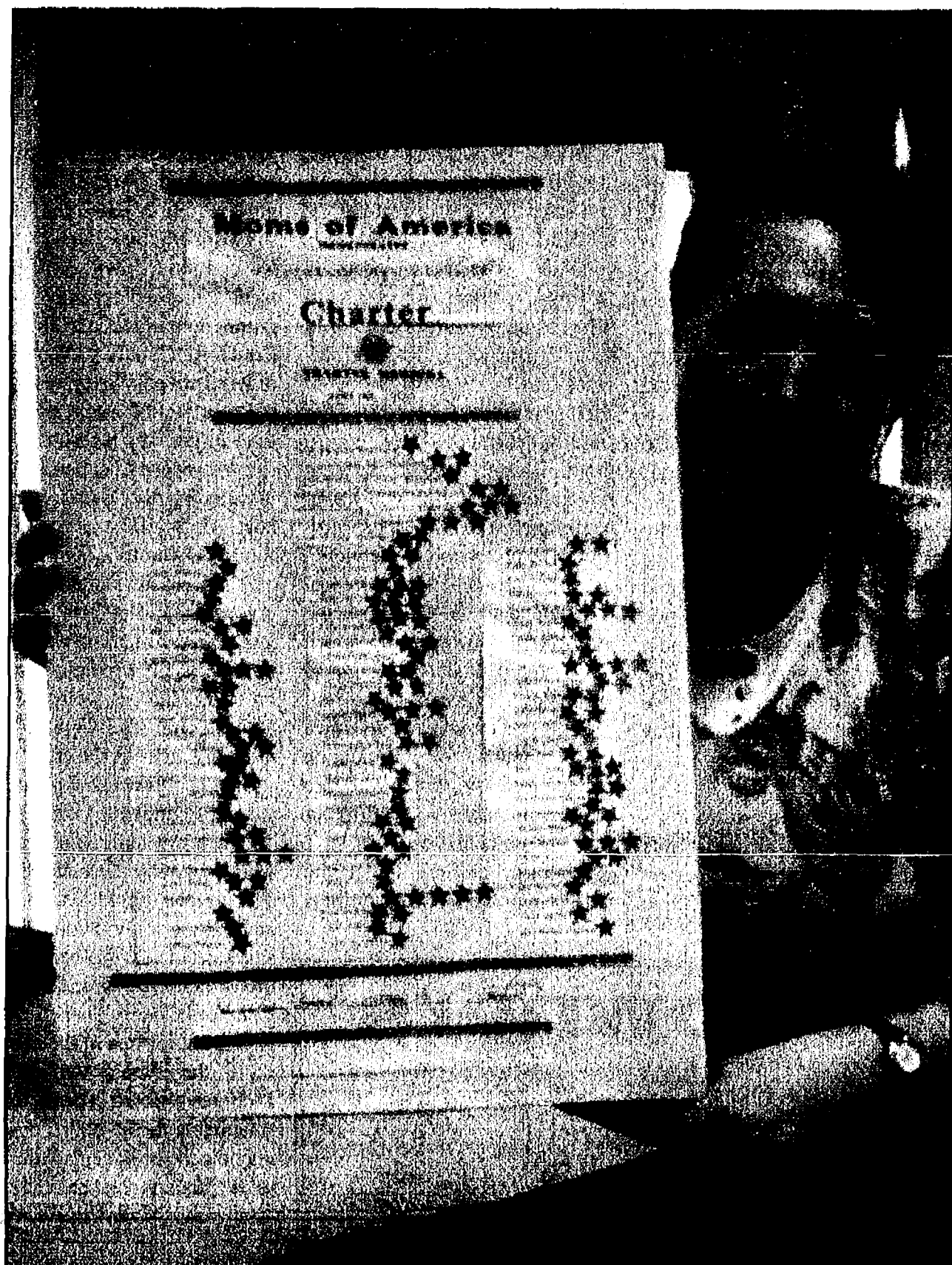


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

This charter member list of local unit #47 of Moms of America was recently recovered from storage at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Auxiliary member Jeri Selthoffer, who is currently coordinating an effort to distribute Blue Star Service Pins to the mothers of men and women serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, hopes to revive the chapter. For more, see "Current conflict..." on Page 3A.

## City, county consider land deal

► Developer hopes to buy county land and extend downtown

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Officials from the City of Grayling and Crawford County continue to discuss the possibility of relocating the county's courthouse and jail facilities to a piece of city property located adjacent to the new city hall building.

In February, the county approached the city about the possibility of purchasing 5-6 acres of land at the city hall building site. (The city is currently finishing up its new office building there, and getting ready to install a new city/township fire station at the location. The county is considering selling its river-front property/facility located at the south end of Michigan Avenue and constructing a new facility elsewhere.)

Originally, the city planned to use the extra land at its building site - currently about 5.5 acres, city officials have said - for park and recreation area. The city has not agreed to sell the county any of its spare land there, but the council has agreed to discuss the matter with the county.

At the request of the county,

the council agreed last week to schedule a special meeting so the council and county's building exploratory committee can discuss the possible land deal/relocation plan at length.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at the Crawford County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

Local businessman Bill Gannon, who has purchased the Fred Bear Archery property (located on M-72 West next to the county's property), has already expressed an interest in buying the courthouse property and developing it along with the Bear Archery land.

At last Monday's city council meeting, Gannon told the council his plans for both pieces of property.

Gannon said he has received a lot of telephone calls from people asking about his development, and said there is a lot of rumors circulating about what he is going to bring in - including one involving construction of a casino. Gannon said he has no plans to build a casino at the site.

"There isn't going to be any casino, as far as I know," he said.

Gannon said there will be a bank, "a major restaurant," an assisted living facility for seniors, and a pub/pizzeria (with a portion of it geared towards

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See "CITY, COUNTY..."

## Once snow cover melts, burning permits required

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service reminds northern Michigan residents and visitors that state law requires a burning permit any time the ground is not snow covered. Calling for a burn permit before doing any outdoor burning is the best way to get up-to-date fire danger information.

With spring officially here, wildfire prevention should be of top priority in the minds of all who live in or near, work in, or visit our local forestlands. Wildfire danger begins to mount as the snow melts, especially in areas of Jack Pines. The needles they shed, combined with dead leaves and brush, are highly flammable and it doesn't take much of a spark or flame to ignite them, possibly causing a forest fire.

Burning permits are issued only for burning leaves, brush or stumps; burning of all other materials is prohibited. Burning permits may be restricted or not issued at all, depending upon local weather conditions. Burning is not allowed within the city limits of Grayling.

Permits can be obtained from the USDA Forest Service or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Crawford County by calling (989) 344-2628.

The USDA Forest Service offers the following safety pre-

cautions for any outdoor burning:

- Never leave a campfire or debris fire unattended, even for a moment.

- Have water available in case your fire begins to escape. If your fire does escape, call for help immediately.

- Always be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving if unattended. Improperly extinguished fires are one of the leading causes of wildfires. They also are a major cause of burns among children. Hundreds of children are burned each year when they fall into or walk over an improperly extinguished fire.

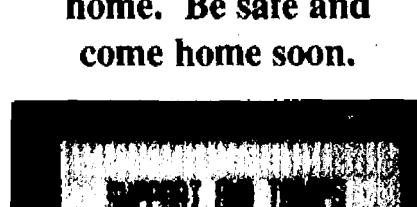
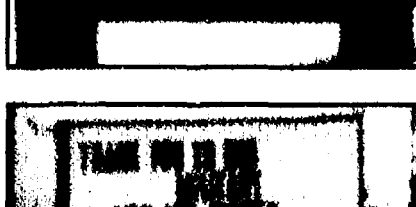
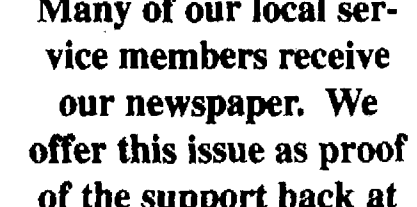
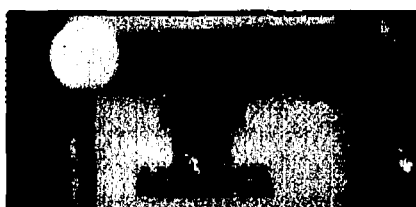
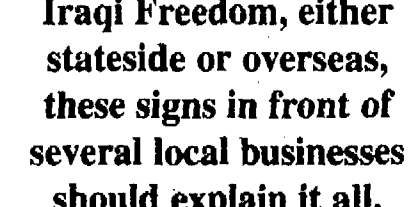
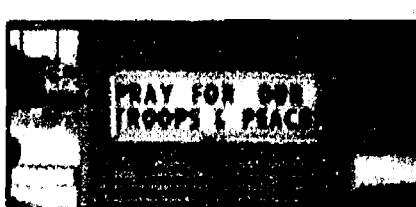
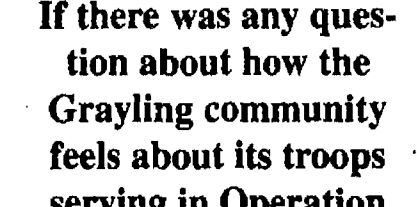
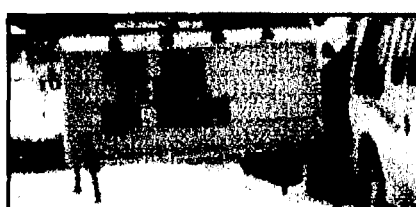
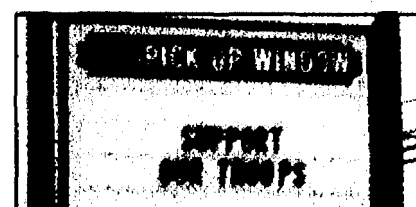
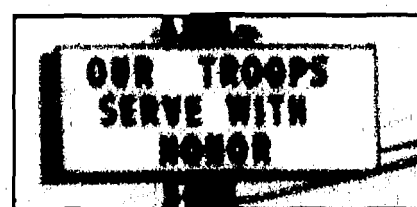
- Drown your fire with plenty of water. Wet everything thoroughly, especially the undersides of unburned pieces. Stir the ashes to find any hot spots (you'll see and hear steam escape when you find one), and wet everything again with more water.

- Do not simply bury your fire with soil. In most cases, this will not extinguish the fire, and it will not protect children against being burned if they fall or walk on it.

- Be conscious of weather conditions before any burning, especially extreme dryness and wind.

People often underestimate the fire danger on any given day and overestimate their ability to control fire.

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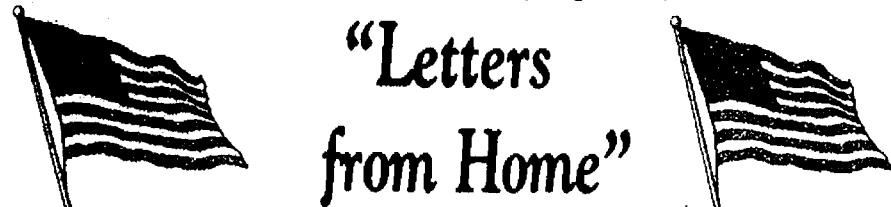
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## Letters from Home

The Crawford County Avalanche invites the parents and loved ones of active duty U.S. military members -- serving stateside or overseas, in any branch of the military -- to submit the mailing addresses of those service members for publication in upcoming editions of our newspaper.

At the suggestion of one of our readers, a listing of such addresses will be published each week, allowing our readers to "adopt" a soldier, sailor, or airman by writing them "Letters from Home."

The Letters from Home campaign is our way of saying "Thank You" to the men and women serving our nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom. We strongly encourage participation to allow each of our local service members to receive words of encouragement and news from the home front.

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## Advocate serves variety of crime victims

### ► National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 6-12

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

In 1984, the federal Victims of Crime Act was signed into law, beginning the long road to recognizing the needs of crime victims across the country. In Crawford County, the Victims Rights Office is working hard to see that promise is fulfilled.

Victims' Rights Advocate Sharon Huss said she is striving to prevent the victims of crime from being victimized twice.

"We try to make them as comfortable as possible during court proceedings," she explained. "But, we presently fall short on all counts."

Huss said it is difficult to keep the victims of crime or witnesses separated from the defendant, the defendant's family and friends, attorneys and the jury. "Just entering the courthouse itself presents a problem of security," she said. "Children and the elderly are the most affected by our lack of space."

Huss' small office is located next to the Prosecutor's office and cannot accommodate more than a few people at a time. The office serves as a safe haven for victims and witnesses as they await court proceedings or to give testimony.

Like her counterparts throughout the country, Huss' office received a grant this year in recognition of National Crime

Victims' Rights Week, April 6-12. This year's grant is for \$400 and Huss said the money has been used to establish a fund to remodel a storage area of the courthouse for use as a victim/witness room. "It's a small step on a long path," Huss said. "Hopefully others in the community will be encouraged to join us in embracing the cause of victims' rights and services by making a contribution."

Huss' position is funded by state and federal funding, not from county funds. Because there is no such thing as a victimless crime, those criminals convicted in circuit court are assessed a \$60 fine paid to the federal Crime Victims Fund.

The Crime Victims Fund was created for the collection of federal criminal fines, forfeitures, special assessments, and other penalties. The money provides victims' services offices with some of the resources needed to sustain, enhance, and expand services.

Huss recently used some of her funding earmarked for equipment to purchase a witness screen for use during courtroom testimony. The screen has provided the protection of the victim or witness from having to look at the defendant or others in the courtroom. However, the screen allows the defendant the right to see his or her accuser.

Huss said the screen cuts down on the amount of intimidation experienced by those who are most vulnerable -- victims of rape and child abuse.

Some people are under the impression that a crime victim is

the only one who has been affected physically, such as an assault victim. But, she said, with every crime there is a victim or victims.

A recent case where three young men went on a crime spree breaking into vending machines in three counties may have seemed on the surface to be a victimless crime. After all, they were only machines. But most of those machines belong to the Michigan Commission for the Blind.

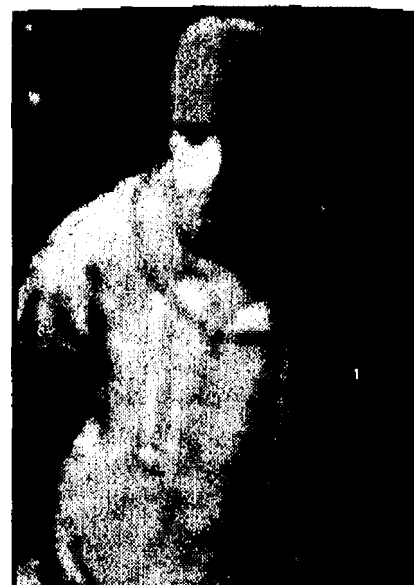
Each machine is stocked and maintained by a person who is legally blind, thus allowing gainful employment for many people in Michigan. Huss spent time with the Commission's field supervisor for this area, John McEntee, counseling him and helping him through the court process. He is also blind.

Two of the teens, from Roscommon, pled guilty and were sentenced recently for the crimes committed last fall here in Crawford County. They were ordered to pay hefty restitution of over \$9,000 each and spent time in jail. As a result of their spree, security cameras were installed by the Commission, at a cost of \$4,500, to catch any future perpetrators.

A half an hour after one camera was turned on in late December, a break-in was caught on tape at the Frederic rest area on I-75. Charges are pending in 46th Circuit Trial Court on two Grayling teens in the case.

The vending machine crimes stopped completely until March 16 when two more young people were caught by the same security camera busting into a machine and taking only about \$10 in snacks, but leaving behind hundreds of dollars in damage. The Crawford County Sheriff's office is looking for tips in the case.

At the men's sentencings, McEntee offered victim impact statements to the court, explaining how the broken machines had to be repaired over and over again. He said one local man and



The above photos are still shots from a security camera at the Frederic rest stop on I-75. These two young men were caught on tape in the early morning hours of March 16 breaking into a vending machine. If you recognize either one of these suspects, call the Crawford County Sheriff's Tip Line at 348-4616, ext. 228 or e-mail tips@crawfordsheriff.org. All tips will remain confidential.

his family lost 50 percent of their normal income due to the damage and loss of sales.

For more information about Crawford County Victims' Rights services, call Huss at (989) 344-3246, e-mail her at victimrights@hotmail.com, or log on to: www.crawfordco.org/victim/victimrights.html.

## City, county consider land deal

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kids) at the Bear Archery site.

If he is able to purchase the county land, Gannon said he plans to work with the Michigan Economic Development Council to bring about a continuation of

Michigan Avenue, extending it through his development and linking it with M-72 West.

"Those are my plans," Gannon said. "I would love to see the synergy of downtown continued through to 72."

## Prom alcohol testing revisited

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When contacted Tuesday, April 8, Roscommon County Sheriff Francis Staley said no one had contacted him regarding the prom. He said there were no plans to have any deputies at the prom to administer breath tests.

No administrator or school board member was available for comment.

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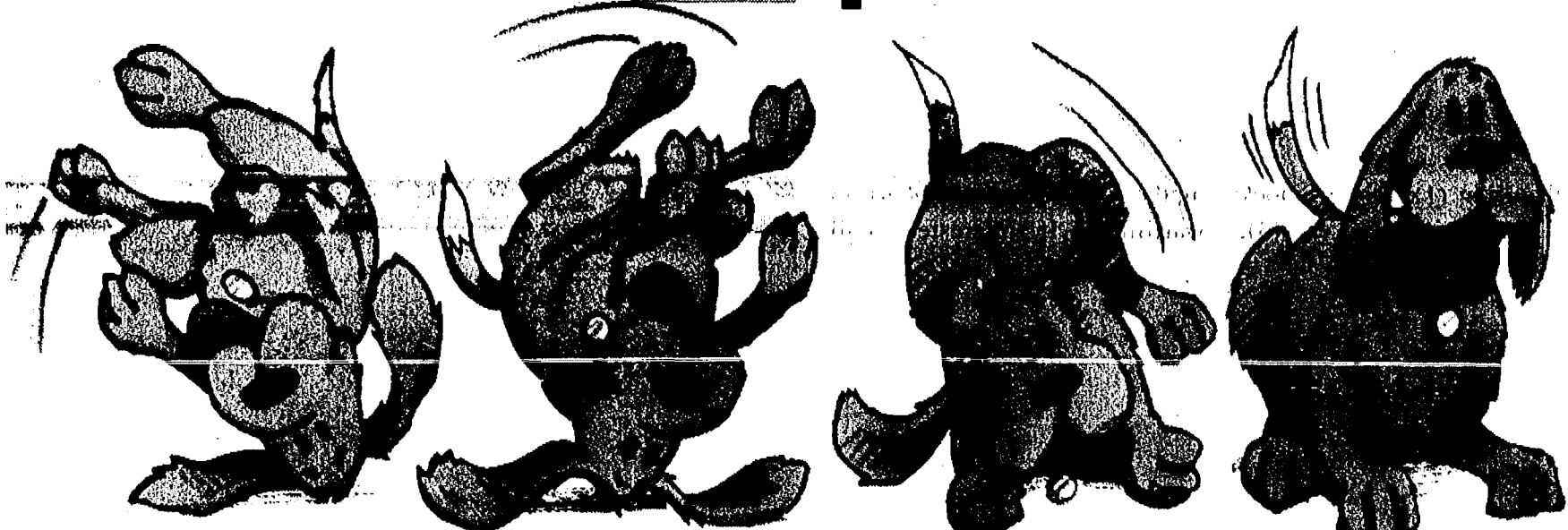
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# More than 200 flags to get proper retirement

► American Legion's ceremony to be held on Flag Day (June 14)

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

In late January, the *Avalanche* told you about a very special collection box located outside the Crawford County Historic Museum in Grayling. That box — painted red, white and blue — serves as a drop off point for old American flags — those that have proudly served their duty and are ready for retirement.

The project to collect old flags and educate the public about replacement of worn, tattered, and faded flags was initiated by Grayling resident Jim Carmean. Driving his daily route through Crawford County as a Dial-A-Ride bus driver caused him to discover many, many flags that have seen better days and, according to proper flag eti-

quette, should be replaced.

Last week, Carmean, with the help of his wife, Donna, counted 211 flags deposited so far. The flags came in all sizes -- from those wind-shipped car antennae decorations to full-size flags properly folded triangularly and placed in brown paper bags.

"This is a great response to the article," Carmean said, "but there are still way too many flags out there that need to be replaced. It's a matter of honor. There is nothing honorable about a flag that's falling apart or missing its stars or stripes."

Carmean encourages everyone to take a look at their flags and replace them if needed. Old flags should be folded and placed in a brown paper bag before depositing into the collection box.

On June 14, Flag Day, the flags will be burned honorably in a ceremony hosted by the American Legion. New flags can be purchased through the Legion at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

On a mission to bring awareness to the condition of American flags flying locally, Jim Carmean had a collection box for old flags placed at the Crawford County Historic Museum.

# Current conflict brings back memories

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Not much information is available regarding an organization called "Moms of America Incorporated -- Mothers of Men in Service" reported to have been first established in 1941 in Flint.

With no small town left untouched by tearful good-byes, Grayling also established a charter group in 1944 -- Unit No. 47 -- to not only honor the mothers whose sons were called to duty in World War II, but to also offer a source of support and comfort to those mothers.

American Legion Post #106 Ladies' Auxiliary member Jeri Selthoffer said another member, Yelive Skotnicki, recently brought out of mothballs a framed listing of local mothers. Beside each mother's name is a blue star or stars, the number indicating how many sons she had serving. A gold star indicat-

ed a son killed in action.

The following is a list of Unit No. 47 Moms of America - Mothers of Men in Service and their corresponding stars:

Officers: Velma Deckrow, President (1); Edna Feldhauser, Vice President (2); Bonnie Wakely, Recording Secretary (1); Fern Feldhauser, Corresponding Secretary (2); Lucille Thompson, Financial Secretary (3); Gertrude Hatfield, Treasurer (3); Laura McLeod, Chaplain (2).

Members: Ida Papendick (1); Leona Papendick (1); Gertrude Boger (1); Hilda Newell (1); Doris Case (1); Edris Sorenson (2); Emma VanNatter (1); Ella Bigham (1); Emma Denewitt (3); Celia Budd (2); Eureka Stephan (1); Hazel Decker (1); Pearl Matthews (2); Fedora Rasmussen (2); Jessie Bunker (2); Helen Mathewson (2); Elsie LaMotte (1); Helen Harwood (1); Katherine Loskos (1); Eva

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Corwin (1); Minnie Borchers (1); Ida Anthony (4); Catherine Deckrow (1 blue, 1 gold); Zelpha Epley (1 blue, 1 gold); Leone Kraus (2); Mabel Martin (1); Maggie Charlo (1 gold star); Rose Enyart (2); Emma Lovely (3); Ethel Fairbottom (2); Francelia Hanson (1); Ann Failing (2); Hattie Post (1); Ruth Stephan (3); Nelda Ballard (2); Hulda McGuire (1); Mae Gierkie (1); Jeanne Babbitt (1); Mabel Wells (1); Antoinette Jensen (1). With over 250,000 American military men and women fighting for the liberation of the people of Iraq, including some from Grayling, Selthoffer thought sharing the list of charter members, dated September 24, 1944, might spark interest in reviving the tradition of honoring the mothers of service members in wartime. If interested, call Selthoffer at 344-2129.

# It's time again for breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Hey, kids... Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and egg hunts at Hanson Hills, in Grayling Township, on Saturday, April 19.

On the menu will be scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and juice, or biscuits and gravy with eggs, sausage and juice. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost of the meal will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

During breakfast, GRA will raffle off Easter baskets filled with candy and toys, a basket with a complete Easter dinner (compliments of the Grayling Country Club), as well as a skateboard (donated by Boards and Beyond Skate Shop).

At this time, children may also have their pictures taken with the

Easter Bunny.

Following breakfast, Easter games will be played with the Easter Bunny's helpers at the Fred Bear Memorial Center, located at Hanson Hills.

At approximately 11 a.m., GRA will begin the egg hunts. "Our goal is to have enough eggs for every child," said GRA Director Cindy Olson. "Children will be separated into age groups for the egg hunts and we ask parents to help supervise."

Anyone who would like to volunteer, or make a donation for this special event, is encouraged to contact the GRA at (989) 348-9266.

For more information about this and other events hosted by GRA, log on to: [www.hanson-hills.org](http://www.hanson-hills.org).

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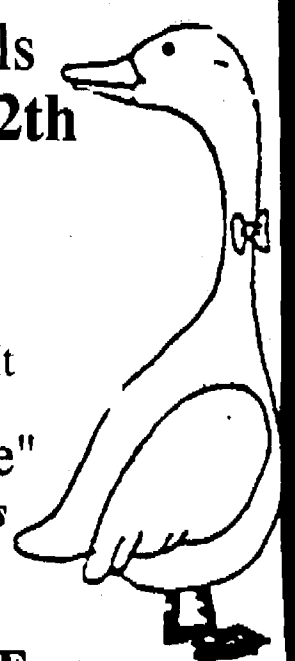
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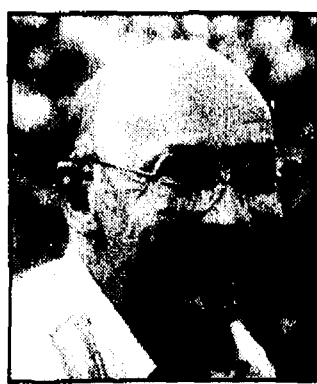
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Big surplus turned into big deficit in short order

**SORTING THROUGH** newspaper clips about recent public affairs, I came across one headlined: "Clinton projects \$1.9 trillion surplus." It was an Associated Press article dated Dec. 29, 2000.

In another batch was another news story headlined: "Budget office predicts \$1 trillion in deficits." It was a *New York Times* article dated March 26, 2003.

What's going on here?

Time and context are important in comparing the two items.

The Clinton surplus story appeared just weeks before George W. Bush became president. The story was sort of a roundup story on how well President Clinton had tidied up financial matters as he left office. It cited no sources except Mr. Clinton.

The deficit story citing estimates from the Congressional Budget Office was printed about 27 months after Mr. Bush became president, and just after the military action in Iraq got underway.

The surface conclusion is easy. It appears President Clinton was a tight

fisted budget genius and President Bush is a know-nothing spendthrift.

Neither is completely true, of course. Events, as well as policies, have played a decisive role in the switcheroo.

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**THE CLINTON SURPLUS** was predicted to occur over the ensuing nine years, while the Bush deficit was forecast over the next five years.

Theoretically both predictions could end up being true, but it's not likely.

The surplus forecast two years ago was based on the assumption there would be no federal tax cuts. There have been, of course, and Mr. Bush is pushing for even more tax cuts.

The report on the projected deficit also left possible federal tax cuts out of its equation, contending that any benefit to the economy brought by tax cuts would be offset by spending increases within the budget.

The Bush tax cuts, in both 2001 and again for 2003, have been proposed partly as a stimulus to the economy .... a way to get things moving on the home

front. The Congressional Budget Office report seems to indicate it doesn't work that way.

But why did a projected surplus of \$1.9 trillion over nine years turn into a \$1 trillion deficit over five years in about two years?

Much of the slide can be blamed on events beyond the control of the White House or whoever occupies it .... just as much of the surplus can be credited to market conditions rather than Mr. Clinton's political decisions.

The 9-11 terrorist attack, corporation scandals scuttling businesses and unearthed after being hidden for years, diminished consumer and investor confidence due to both factors, and all topped by wars in Afghanistan and now Iraq .... all these have contributed in a domino effect to falling federal surpluses and growing federal deficits.

Tax cuts, which looked good in the days of a trillion dollar surplus, don't look nearly as good in the days of a trillion dollar deficit.

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**THE PICTURE REPEATS** in state after state, including Michigan.

In Republican John Engler's waning years as governor, Michigan had plenty of money to run its state operations. Mr. Engler was inventive in ways to spend it, too, including college scholarships, higher aid to local government and schools, and, of course, tax cuts, almost every year of his 12 year reign and some taking effect years after he's gone.

Future federal tax cuts also have been adopted under President Bush.

Tax cuts may have looked good then, but not so good now.

Hard reality is that neither state nor federal government can afford tax cuts now.

Those that were promised should be wiped out before they take effect.

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**SOONER OR LATER**, decision makers in the states and the federal government must face the reality that governments need more money, and it will have to come from higher taxes, as well as spending cuts.

Local governments -- schools, police and fire protection, roads, sewers and other local services that reach directly into the homes of people -- increasingly depend on state and federal governments for their well being.

In essence, state and federal governments have pre-empted most available sources for taxes, so when the big governments hurt for resources, small governments suffer, too.

It seems as if every politician in federal, state and local office in winning election has vowed not to raise taxes. They all want to keep that pledge.

Someday, someone somewhere in public office will have to stand up and say: We need more money. We must raise taxes. It's inevitable.

That man or woman will perform a great public service, and will represent a profile in courage .... and probably will lose the next election.

But some day soon, it will happen.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## PTO offers many activities for the whole family

To the editor,

This letter is in response to the comments submitted by the Randall family in the March 27 issue (of the *Avalanche*).

It seems it's easier to criticize the work done by others than it is to be a part of the planning. As a past president of the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), I felt compelled to reply and defend that group.

This small group of volunteers work very hard on a variety of projects throughout the school year. I'm sure it was not their intention to exclude people, as you suggested.

With all of the family nights

and activities planned throughout the year, it seems they would be able to offer an activity like this dance without feeling that they are discriminating against anyone.

I would like to add that on the paper that went home, there was a section that could be filled out if a mom (or dad) needed an escort for their daughter. (For the record, they were all school employees including teachers and the school resource officer.)

I also want to say if you felt this strongly about attending the dance, I'm sure your help would have been greatly appreciated.

With the closing of the Frederick school, the parents who volunteer at each school are working toward becoming one group that supports the students and will continue to offer activities to students, and their families, in a variety of ways. I'm sure they would welcome any newcomers who would like to be a part of that group.

P.S. The PTO meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Grayling Elementary School, as indicated in the school calendar.

Kimberly Wejrowski  
Grayling

## 'Slumlords' should be made accountable

To the editor,

We always hear landlords complain about their tenants. Well, I think it's time to complain about our "slumlords."

How about those of us who have faithfully paid our rent for years, but the landlord refuses to keep up the property? The house I live in has holes in the ceiling,

it leaks, the sink doesn't work, etc.

So, because I live on a fixed income and can't afford to pay more rent somewhere else, am I supposed to sit back and live in deplorable housing conditions? The landlord has no problem taking my rent money every month. I think it's time for myself and

other tenants in similar circumstances to stand up and say, "No more!"

If there is an attorney interested in justice and helping us, please contact me through the newspaper.

Jennie Macfarlane  
Grayling

## America should 'avoid mistakes' with Muslims

To the editor,

As some members of the Crawford County Committee for Peace, we would like to answer some of the points made by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners who have patronizingly suggested that pre-war marches were somehow "supportive" of terrorism and that we wish to "keep silent" about the dangers of Islamic Jihad.

How does it "support" terrorism by politely requesting that we attack the real terrorists, Al Qaeda, instead of letting ourselves get bogged down in the sideshow of Saddam Hussein? And, secondly, what is unpatriotic about standing up for American values and ideals?

One of our American values is justice. Al Qaeda attacked us. You didn't see us marching down Michigan Avenue when the U.S.A. went after Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Our concern is that Saddam Hussein has been set up as a whipping boy to take Al Qaeda's punishment, and in the process we are killing Iraqi civilians who have nothing to do with terrorism, whose only crime was to be born in Iraq.

Another American ideal is compassion. Our hearts go out to our America servicemen and women, and to their families who can only wait at home. Our reaction to that prospect was to suggest, "If diplomacy and talk and international cooperation could

accomplish our goals, why not use them? Why send our people into harm's way if we can use other methods?" Is that unpatriotic?

And, if we feel sorry for terrified Iraqi children and families, is that "un-American?"

America's greatest gift to the world was the vision of democracy. We demonstrated it on the national level and inspired other nations to emulate us. Internationally, we spearheaded the United Nations (U.N.) on the basis that international diplomacy, talk, cooperation and agreement were the only ways to save the world from continued aggression and the horrors of nuclear annihilation. We feel it was profoundly undemocratic to first try to coerce the other nation's votes in the Security Council, and then when it looked as if we'd be outvoted, ignore the U.N. and charge off into Iraq anyway. Let's stand up for democratic procedures.

The Commissioners have asked us to remember a number of atrocities, from the downing of Pan Am flight 103 to the World Trade Center (WTC) attacks. We remember them. We remember that various groups from Al Qaeda to Hizbollah did them. We remember Saddam Hussein was never conclusively linked to any of them. Even our own administration has been backing off that one. We're now told we're attacking Iraq for their own good.

Yes, we remember the WTC attacks with sorrow and grief. But remembering atrocities committed against us doesn't give us an excuse to forget our mistakes. Various people have tried to point out that America has done things that have caused the Muslim world to be angry at us. Those people have usually been called "un-American" for their pains. We wonder if it's un-American to acknowledge our own actions, and try to avoid mistakes in the future?

We think the people who pushed our President into war are the ones who don't see the point. The arrest of Al Qaeda mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammad shows us how the war on terror should be fought -- by patient, quiet information gathering, by intelligence sharing, and by building bridges with allies in the Muslim world so that they will cooperate with us, not by alienating friends and bringing our own ideals into question.

Right now the war is raging, hearts are being broken. We weep for our fallen ones and pray for a swift conclusion. We hope the Commissioners do not find this too "un-patriotic."

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**Community Briefs** items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

**News items and letters** should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

**Handwritten items** must also have ample space between each line; on lined

paper use every other line.

**Classified ads** by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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**Full page, half page, or color display ads** must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

**The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.**

**Letters to the Editor**

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.



# BRIEFS

## COA plans 30th anniversary party

The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling, invites the public to its 30th Anniversary Party on Thursday, April 10, beginning at 5 p.m. with a roast beef dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and a 50/50 raffle will be held. State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) is expected to attend. For more information, call the COA at 348-7123.

## Weekly prayer for peace scheduled

Beginning Tuesday, April 15, and every Tuesday thereafter, Mercy Hospital Grayling will host an intercessory prayer time for the community. It will be a time of praying for peace, our troops, and reconciliation and healing for the world. The prayer will take place in the hospital's chapel from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## ABWA next meeting in Frederic

The local ABWA (American Business Women's Association) will meet Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Frederic Inn. To RSVP, call Carol at 348-9310. The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse backgrounds and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

## Investment firm offers free seminar

"Deja Vu" is the name of an upcoming seminar to be co-hosted by investment representative, Kurt Loll, of the financial services firm of Edward Jones, and John Guyet of Lord Abbett. The event will be held at the Days Inn of Grayling on Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m., and is free to the public. Call 348-6964 to register.

## Be an Alpine Sweet Potato Queen

The Elks Lodge, located at 116 Grandview in Gaylord, will be selecting three to five Alpine Sweet Potato Queens and several wannabees on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For those who do not know what a "Sweet Potato Queen" is should log on to [www.sweetpotatoqueen.com](http://www.sweetpotatoqueen.com). Ladies who are at least 45 years old and have a sense of humor and a personality are welcome to enter the contest to be judged by local Spud Studs. Dressing appropriately for the contest is preferred. For more information, call Bonnie at (989) 786-4570.

## Singles invited to dance at Michawye

Alpine Singles will host a singles dance at Michawye on Saturday, April 12, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The D.J. will be Larry Riechert Company. Admission is \$6 at the door to cover costs. Michawye is located on Opal Lake Road (off South Old 27 to Charles Brink Road to Opal Lake Road). Watch for Alpine Singles signs. Alpine Singles are singles in northern Michigan who get together to dance, socialize and have fun. Ages are 45 and above, but are all young at heart with a great sense of humor. So, come out and meet someone new or just have fun. For more information, call Bonnie at (989) 786-4570.

## Lady Eagles to host Feather Party

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465 will be having an Easter Feather Party Bingo on Sunday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Huron Street (M-72, east of town). A cash jackpot of \$300 will be up for grabs, as well as the chance to win a ham, baskets, and other goodies. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

## GHS Class of 93 plans 10 year reunion

The Grayling High School Class of 1993 is currently planning its 10 year reunion, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 5 at the Grayling Country Club. All family members and friends of the GHS Class of 1993 are encouraged to help by notifying these people that the reunion committee is looking for them. Contact Jeff Welke at (406) 222-5902 or by e-mail to [jwelke14@hotmail.com](mailto:jwelke14@hotmail.com). Class members should also join the class list at [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) to facilitate easy correspondence. More details will follow once everyone has been located and plans are finalized.

## Band Boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held this Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

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## Teams, sponsors needed for 2003 Relay for Life

The Crawford County Relay for Life Sponsor Program is looking for teams and sponsors for its annual walk-athon type event, scheduled for June 27-28, to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Cancer has touched the lives of far too many people. For some, cancer has become the face of a family member, a friend, or business associate. That is why the local Relay chapter is asking again for support from the community in the fight against this disease.

There are many ways to support the event: form a team, volunteer to work on a committee,

or donate an item to be auctioned off, with all the proceeds going to the cause.

The sponsorship program is another way to contribute. There are four different plans to fit any budget. Sponsorships are priced from \$100 to \$500.

Businesses and individuals interested in supporting this year's event are invited to attend an informational open house to learn more about the 2003 Relay for Life to be held Thursday, April 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Grayling Nursing Centre, located at 331 Meadows Drive in Grayling (just past the local health department building).

## Free boating school offered

Deputy Jason Alexander, of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, will conduct a complimentary Boating Safety School on Saturday, April 26.

The school will be held at the Sheriff's Office, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age.

Under state law, all persons born after December 31, 1979 need a boating certificate to

legally operate a personal watercraft.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Boating Safety School Certificate.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

Class size is limited to 40 participants and pre-registration is necessary by calling the Sheriff's Office at (989) 344-3213.

## Kirtland sets registration dates for summer, fall courses

In an effort to accommodate its soaring enrollment, Kirtland Community College is expanding its dates for enrollment in the summer and fall semesters.

But while registration - including signing up for classes online and via the telephone - will be limited to the following dates, all other departments and services, such as admissions, financial aid, placement testing and advising/counseling, will remain open and available during regular office hours.

Registration dates for summer and fall semesters have been set as follows:

Summer and Fall - Monday through Thursday, April 21-24, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, April 25, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, April 28-May 2, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, June 2-5, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, June 6, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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"The only exceptions that will be made for registration is for classes or programs that start early, before the regular semester starts, such as cosmetology,

nature study class, etc., and for classes at the MTEC at Kirtland-Gaylord because it operates on an open registration concept," said Stacey Barnes, Kirtland's director of student services.

"We have a computer in the registration office or students can go to one of our computer labs or they can register from home."

The class schedules are available on the Kirtland website, and will be mailed to every household in the college's four county district and Otsego County, during the week of April 7.

Preliminary indications are that Kirtland's enrollment will surpass 2,000 this fall, administrators say. In the fall of 1999, the college had fewer than 1,500 students.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Please Pray

America is engaged in a war against global terrorism. Those who think we are empire building should remember the facts of history. When in England at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush. He answered by saying that, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return." The room became quiet.

Jesus warned us in Mark 13:7-10 that there will be wars until He returns. "7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. 8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows. 9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations."

First, we need to pray for wisdom, safety, and courage for President

Bush and all our national leaders. 1 Tim. 2:1,2: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." Our leaders need the wisdom of Prov. 20:18: "Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war."

Second, pray for God's shield of protection around our troops in harms way. Ps. 34:7: "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Pray that God will lead our troops to victory. Ex. 15:3: "The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name." Pray that God will give our soldiers strength and skill. Ps. 144:1: "Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." Pray for the families of our soldiers. Pray for their comfort and strength. Pray for those in sorrow who have lost loved ones.

Third, pray for our nation that we will remain strong in war. Pray that God will send us spiritual revival. Prov. 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Pray that we will remain patient. Gal. 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Pray for unity among our people that will silence the radical anti-American

voices.

Fourth, pray for the people of Iraq that they will become free and appreciate their freedom. Pray for their suffering families. Pray for their courage to accept and stand for truth and freedom.

Fifth, pray for peace through victory. Pray that God will give us His peace even during war. John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." May God bless you and may God bless America. Pastor B

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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### Beaver Creek Township Library

New books have been ordered for the Beaver Creek Township Library, including titles by Joseph Heywood, P.D. James, Loren Estleman, Michael Crichton, Lilian Jackson Braun, Stuart Woods, Ken Follett, Barbara Park, and Mary Pope Osborne.

If there are any books residents would like to see on the shelves, they should call the library. There is also a suggestion box for the library, located on the table in the lobby of the Beaver Creek Township offices.

Work is continuing on the history of Pere Cheney project. It is a lot of work, but will be well worth it. If anyone has any information, stories, pictures, or anything dealing with Pere Cheney and would like to add to the collection, please contact the library.

This project will benefit not only the community of Beaver Creek, but also the people of Crawford County and those who had family who lived in Pere Cheney. It is a part of Crawford County history and it should be preserved.

The Beaver Creek Township Library is located at 8888 S. Grayling Road and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone (989) 275-2808.

### Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

The Devereaux Library celebrated National Library Week last week. Free balloons, book-marks, and Grayling Fish Hatchery admissions were given away and all items returned last week were free of fines.

The staff and Library Board have a little more to celebrate

than they expected: Over 9,500 visitors stopped by the library in Grayling during the month of March... That's an average of 367 each day! Also, over 7,000 items circulated.

The Devereaux Library has received over 81,000 visits since opening a year ago, an average of 6,798 people each month. That's pretty impressive for a county of under 15,000 people! Library Director Edward Elsner credits the staff for this early success: "They have had to work hard in our new building to keep up with all of you."

Elsner extends his appreciation to all for their patronage and support and reminds everyone to stop by the library to receive a new library card if you have not already done so.

For more information about the local library system, call 348-9214.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 53 complaints the week of March 31 - April 6:

Fourteen traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one traffic policing, one motor vehicle inspection;

Three civil matter disputes - family trouble, four suspicious situations, 10 general non-criminal, one burglary/home invasion, three damage to property, one drug/narcotic violation, one family offense/abuse/neglect, five public peace/disorderly, three

health and safety, one vagrancy;

Three miscellaneous criminal offense, one driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended) etc.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## A GOD Frame of Mind

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Would you like to develop a God frame of mind? Begin by coming to know the Creator as your loving and all-powerful friend. Worship each week. Meet others who live in God's love. Read your Heavenly Father's Word and come to Him often in prayer and meditation. You will learn to walk in love when you walk with God.



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Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd & 4th Wednesday.....7 pm  
Sunday School.....10:30 am

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Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Website: [www.mmm-umc.org](http://www.mmm-umc.org)  
Barrier Free  
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School -  
Sept. - May  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School.....11 am  
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)  
Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 989-275-1061  
Services held Saturday at  
Camp AuSable off M-72 East  
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)  
Church Service  
Saturday.....9:30 am  
Sabbath School  
Saturday.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting  
Tuesday.....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. Gary Hopp  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
Daniel Baldermann-Associate Pastor  
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093  
or 348-5362  
Early Service.....8:30 am  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Service.....11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
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Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday  
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President David Page  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor Carol Stephan  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188  
Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

**Friendship Church**  
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Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....9:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
M-72 West  
Office 348-5850  
Sunday Holy  
Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Church**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
Phone: 231-536-7933, Fax: 231-536-3046  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
(call or e-mail for directions)  
Website: [www.rlcnow.com](http://www.rlcnow.com)  
E-mail: [pastorjim@rlcnow.com](mailto:pastorjim@rlcnow.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Scott Hoffer, Pastor  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.  
275-8613  
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Sunday Mornings on  
TV 29 & 8.....9 am  
Sunday Classes.....10 am  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening.....6 pm  
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there is no service.  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
348-5325  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(231) 258-3448  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod**  
Pastor - Rev. Steven Thiel  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp.  
348-5921  
Wed. Morning Bible Study.....9:30 am  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Unity**  
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## Child support charges go from weekly to monthly

GRAYLING — Michigan joined a majority of states on December 1, 2002 by beginning to charge parents for child support in a monthly amount, instead of weekly amounts.

Despite the change, "Most Friend of the Court customers will not experience any difference in their support payments," said Margaret Gee, Crawford County Friend of the Court. "This new law does not change the amount

of support, only the time when it is charged to the payer."

Gee noted, "Most states already charge support as a monthly amount in order to better comply with federal reporting requirements."

The change is required under recent state legislation aimed at improving the Friend of the Court system. In the past, parents who paid child support were charged on a weekly basis. In addition,

the day that child support was charged varied among Michigan's 83 counties.

Under the new law, child support is charged to the paying parent on the first day of the month, a requirement that applies to all Michigan counties. That monthly amount must be paid in full by the end of the month. In cases where child support is deducted from a parent's wages, child support payments will continue to be made

each time the parent is paid.

Gee explained that in cases where a child support payer owes support to children in more than one county, child support recipients may find that their payments are in a more consistent amount.

"Because child support will be charged on the same date statewide, Michigan's Friend of the Court offices can more easily report child support information to federal authorities," Gee said. Michigan's child support program receives federal funding; to receive that funding, the state must complete a monthly report on child support collections.

The new law also permits child support payers to pay up to one month's child support in advance, as long as child support is still due. If the payer makes an overpayment, the Friend of the Court will hold it until the next child support pay date. If the amount of overpayment is more than one month's worth of support, the new law requires the Friend of the Court to return the excess fund to the payer.

For more information, contact the Friend of the Court office serving Crawford County at (989) 732-3437.

## 'Support Our Troops' web site launched

The American Legion, responding to increasing public interest, unveiled a new section of its Internet web site that answers the question: "How can I support our men and women in uniform?"

Visitors to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) simply click on the "Support Our Troops" link to find an array of ways to reach out to U.S. servicemembers and their families, prayer, volunteer opportunities, blood donations and scholarship contributions.

The American Legion's Family Support Network is a key program providing crucial aid to spouses and children of military personnel. Through the Family

Support Network, local Legion posts adopt military families by helping pay bills and providing childcare and other services.

Looking to the future, The American Legion September 11th Memorial Scholarship Fund is being funded to ensure the children of active duty servicemembers killed following September 11, 2001, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, will have an opportunity for higher education.

The Legion's "Support Our Troops" site is the place online to find out about these programs, as well as to purchase U.S. flags, Blue Star Banners, and yard signs to display to support our troops.

Visitors will also find suggestions for how one's place of worship can support servicemembers and a message board where they can write a personal letter of thanks to men and women on the frontlines.

"As veterans of past wars, we remember the letters, care packages and cards of encouragement that kept us going as we fought thousands of miles from home. Now is the time for every American, veteran or not, to play a role in boosting the spirits of those who defend our Constitution and our way of life - even at the expense of theirs. May it never be said we are an ungrateful nation."

## 16th Pictionary Olympics needs teams

It's time once again to sharpen those skills and enter your business or family group into one of Grayling's favorite competitions... the Pictionary Olympics.

Now in its 16th year, the Pictionary Olympics is sponsored by the Grayling Parade Committee. All proceeds from this year's event will help pay the expenses to put on the 2003 AuSable River Festival Parade.

Sponsor fee per team is a \$60 donation and contestants should come dressed in T-shirts representing their business or family group. Trophies and local publicity will be awarded to the winning team. There is a limit of 25

teams, so early entries are encouraged.

The 16th Annual Pictionary Olympics will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, on Norway Street in Grayling, on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for those who wish to attend and cheer their favorite team on to victory. (Water weapons are prohibited and children should not attend.)

Those who opt not to partici-

pate, but who would like to sponsor a team, are welcome to do so.

To enter, send business or family group name, address, telephone number and names of team players, along with a check for \$60 to: Pictionary Olympics, Grayling Parade Committee, P.O. Box 150, Grayling, MI 49738. Make checks payable to Grayling Parade Committee.

For more information, call Deb Zelek at (989) 348-8757.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

April:

11 - Herbed Chicken/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.; Foot Clinic, April 12.

14 - Beef Stew/Meatballs; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

15 - Chicken Chop

Suey/Glazed Ham; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Easter Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt at 5 p.m.

16 - Hamburger/Italian Pork Roast; Hearing Clinic by Appointment and Line Dancing at 10 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m.; Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

17 - Beef Tips w/Buttered Noodles/Chicken Fried Steak; Blood Pressures 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

18 - Closed Good Friday. Upcoming events: Tuesday, April 15 - Easter Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt starting at 5 p.m.

## Mercy adopts new policy regarding birth announcements

by Cheryl Raley  
Staff Writer

It has been some months since the *Crawford County Avalanche* published "Mercy Births" to help welcome our new "little" residents to the community. Many new parents, whose babies were born at Mercy Hospital Grayling, have called to ask why their babies' birth announcements had not been published in our newspaper.

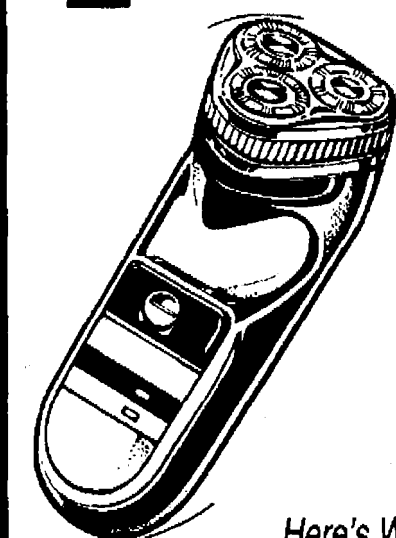
This longtime tradition has stopped due to a policy change at Mercy Hospital in Grayling dealing with the confidentiality of parents and their babies.

A hospital representative stated birth information is now posted on the Internet at the Mercy web site and can only be accessed with a password. Newborns listed at this site are identified by first name only.

The *Avalanche* has always welcomed news of local births and continues to do so. Parents may submit information to our office at: 102 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (Please include a telephone number where you can be reached from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in case we have questions.)

There is no charge for the birth announcement, however a photo can be published along with the birth announcement for a fee of \$5. Photos can be picked up after publication.

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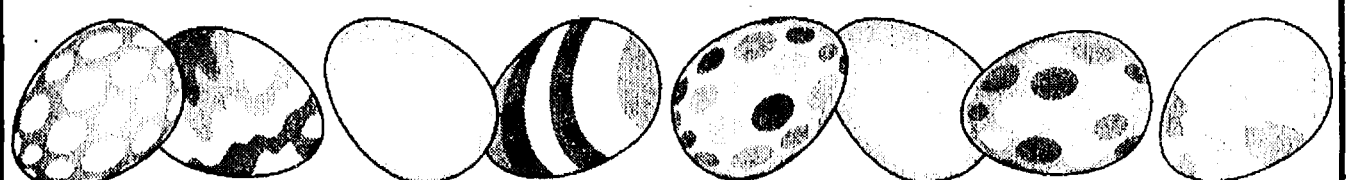
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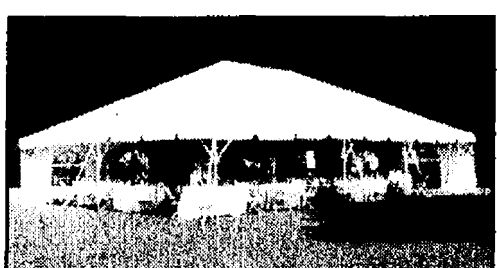
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## OBITUARIES

### Arthur V. Carlson

Sept. 3, 1923 - April 5, 2003

Arthur V. Carlson, much loved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 5. He was 79 years old.

He was born on September 3, 1923, in Elmo, Missouri, to Elsie Mae (Williams) Carlson and Julius Victor Carlson. His family later moved to Bellevue, where he graduated from high school in 1941. Mr. Carlson joined the United States Navy in April, 1943, serving proudly in World War II on the Liberty Ships in Europe, Asia, and Africa. He received an Honorable Discharge in February, 1946.

He married Merle B. Meech on November 15, 1946, in Angola, Indiana. Mr. Carlson worked for Ashley Dairy in Battle Creek for many years before moving with his family to Grayling. He retired from Cadillac Overall Supply Company in 1982, and until his death, did seasonal work at Camp Grayling. He was a member of the Grayling Lion's Club and attended Grayling Heritage Baptist Church. Mr. Carlson enjoyed travel and was an avid video photographer.

Mr. Carlson is survived by two daughters, Julie (Dale) Powers-Gehman of Gaylord, Christine (Tom) Olson of Lawton; one son, Richard Carlson of Grayling; son-in-law, Robert Graham of Paw Paw and Mrs. Myers FL; and his very special niece, Cory (Bill) Dean of Grayling; four grandchildren, Jennifer (John) Nondorf, Angela (Tom) Nondorf, Brad Olson and Stephen Olson; three great grandchildren, Daniel, Christine, and Noah Nondorf; four grandnephews, Zachary, Spencer, Griffin and Wesley Dean; his sister-in-law, Amber Meech; one brother, William Carlson of Florida; two sisters, Kathryn Baird and

Virginia (Wayne) Olmstead of Battle Creek, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Carlson was preceded in death only four months ago by his wife of 56 years, Merle B. Carlson. Also preceding him in death were an infant son, Wendel; daughter and granddaughter, Cindi and Katie Graham, son-in-law, Roderick A. Powers, and his brothers, Raymond Carlson and John Carlson.

Mr. Carlson was a kind and gentle man who loved his family, his God, and his country. His quiet strength was the foundation his family relied on and he will sorely missed by all who knew him and loved him.

The family requests memorials be made to the Heritage Baptist Church.

Funeral services are being held at Heritage Baptist Church on Thursday, April 10 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. and continue on Wednesday, April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home. Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### William Robert Lobaina

April 29, 1958 - April 6, 2003

William Robert Lobaina, age 44, of Grayling died Sunday, April 6 at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey. He was born on April 29, 1958 in Santiago, Cuba to William Galdos Lobaina and Miriam Del Rio Mayet.

William was married to the former Karin Clarke on May 29, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Lobaina lived in Grayling since 1999 and worked for Mark One Corporation in Gaylord as a control engineer. He loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed camping. Bill collected Native American artwork and was a NASCAR fan and collected NASCAR memorabilia. He belonged to the Grayling Sportsman Club, Grayling Eagle

and Grayling Moose Lodge. He also was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his wife, Karin; three daughters, Toni (Joseph) Auker of Ann Arbor, Stefanie Lobaina of Linden, Amanda Lobaina of Linden; one stepson, Hugh Clarke of Grayling; his mother, Miriam Del Rio Mayet of Cuba; one sister, Elizabeth (Mark) Palumbo of Kendall Park, NJ; one step-sister, Tanya Abreu of Florida; one brother, Petie Blaine of Milan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Galdos Lobaina and one older brother.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 6 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Pastor Jeff Arthur officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, April 10 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Frank H. Nichols

Aug. 30, 1939 - April 4, 2003

Frank H. Nichols, age 63, of Stockbridge and formerly of Grayling, died April 4 at his home. He was born on August 30, 1939 in Detroit, to Frank J. and Mary (Dorsey) Nichols.

Frank lived in Grayling from 1969 to 1983. He was employed at the Brighton Correctional Facility for the past 16 years. He also raised and trained dogs for the Leader Dog program; his dogs always passed the test. Frank also enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, camping and feeding the birds and deer.

He is survived by his four children, Frank W. Nichols of Oklahoma City, OK; Sandra Marie Ploetz of Ray, and Dean J. and Michael G. Nichols both of Macomb; four grandchildren; one brother, David Nichols of Belleville; one sister, Rose Marie Owens of Grayling; and special friend Barbara Lewis of Jackson.

The family received friends

and relatives on Tuesday, April 8. No other service or visitation will be held.

When you see it snow or watch a bird fly or see deer, remember Frank.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Leader Dog for the Blind program, Rochester.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, 424 E. Main Street, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

### Lorance L. Moffatt

April 8, 2003

Lorance L. Moffatt, age 85, of Grayling, died April 8. Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Rudolph P. Harrison

Oct. 18, 1911 - March 29, 2003

Rudolph P. Harrison, age 91, of Houghton Lake died March 29 at Grayling Mercy Manor. He was born on October 18, 1911 in Grayling, to John and Anna (Gorance) Harrison.

Rudolph was married to June Sergeant on October 24, 1940 in Gaylord.

Mr. Harrison lived in the Houghton Lake area for over 60 years. He served in the United States Army during World War II, and worked in the CCC Camps and the National Guard for many years. He was known for his championship boxing in Golden Gloves and CCC Camps.

He is survived by his wife, June of Houghton Lake; three sons, William (Sharon) Harrison of Beaver Creek, Thomas (Peggy) Harrison of Houghton Lake, and Ralph (Jan) Harrison of Houghton Lake; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 2, Reverend Carl Heidel officiated. Burial was at Crestview Cemetery, Markey Township.

Arrangements by Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville Chapel.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during April 9 - 15, is as follows:

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(Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: April 9 - 10, April 15.

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This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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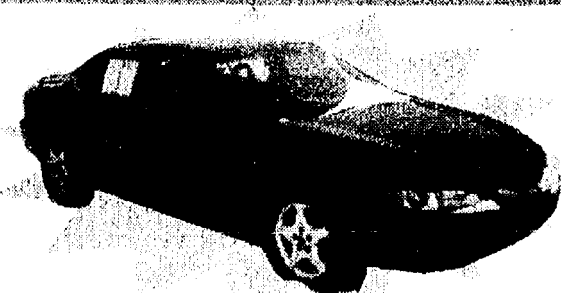
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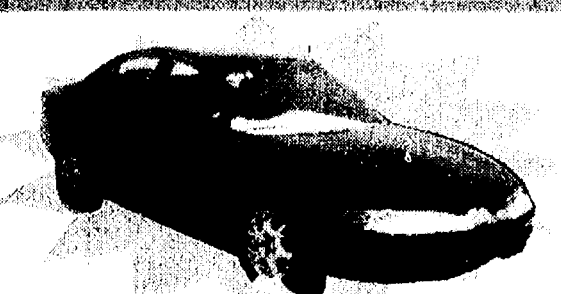
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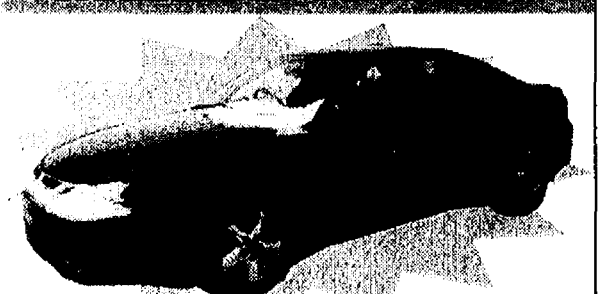
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## WASHINGTON NOTES

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

### The public's right to know: Restore FOIA

"A popular government without popular information or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own governors, must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."

Our fourth President, James Madison, wrote these words in 1822 and they are even truer today than they were almost 200 hundred years ago.

In 1966, Congress enacted an important law, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which has enabled the American people to arm themselves with accurate information about the federal government.

According to a congressional report, FOIA replaced a "need to know" standard with a "right to know" standard, shifting the burden of proof from the individual to the federal government.

The Freedom of Information Act has been strengthened repeatedly over the past 37 years to ensure that federal agencies assist individuals in their legitimate pursuit of information held by the government.

FOIA also contains reasonable guidelines for the government to withhold some information if, for example, it is classified for national security reasons, would interfere with a criminal investigation or would invade privacy.

FOIA has become a key law enabling U.S. citizens to keep track of their government and shine a spotlight on government waste, fraud or abuse. But when Congress passed the Homeland Security Act last year, it reversed the decades-long effort to strengthen FOIA by creating an unprecedented exemption from public disclosure for a certain type of information known as

"critical infrastructure information."

Critical infrastructure includes roads, bridges, computer grids, water treatment plants, utilities, telecommunications and other systems crucial to the functioning of our country. Private companies control most of the critical infrastructure facilities in the United States.

To evaluate the vulnerability of our critical infrastructure to terrorist attack, the Homeland Security Act requested that companies owning these facilities submit unclassified information about them. Some companies apparently feared that this information might be improperly disclosed and won a new FOIA exemption barring public disclosure.

The problem is that the wording of this new exemption is so broad that it inappropriately limits the public's access to information that is important to public health and safety. For example, it potentially places off-limits information about such matters as unsafe bridges, poorly protected computer systems, and chemical plant environmental violations.

News organizations, citizens' associations, environmental groups and others have condemned the new exemption for unnecessarily shielding broad categories of information from

public view. They contend that the current wording prohibits disclosure of any information that a company voluntarily shares with the Department of Homeland Security, even if that information is not important for the security of a facility. Many observers fear that corporations could use this exemption to hide information demonstrating company violations of health safety and environmental regulations.

I have joined with four of my Senate colleagues and introduced legislation called the Restore Freedom of Information Act (Restore FOIA) to replace the law's current FOIA exemption for critical infrastructure information with a more carefully crafted exemption that would protect both the public's right to know and companies' confidential business information.

The Restore FOIA legislation defines the key term, critical infrastructure, in a much more focused way by drawing from existing case law that has already been tested by the courts. The definition of critical infrastructure information would limit the FOIA exemption to records that actually relate to the vulnerability of, or a security threat to, a critical infrastructure facility.

Restore FOIA also eliminates restrictions on the government's use and sharing of these records within the government; does not


preempt any state or local disclosure laws for information obtained outside of the Department of Homeland Security; maintains whistleblower protections for federal employees; and does not forbid the use of such information in civil court cases to hold companies accountable for wrongdoing.

The principles of open government and the public's right to know are cornerstones of our democracy. We cannot sacrifice these principles in the name of protecting them. The Homeland Security Act was never intended to protect polluters or special interests from public scrutiny. Restore FOIA would restore the appropriate balance between security and openness.

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## Local restaurant ignores weather, celebrates warmth




The tropical theme this week at Stevens Restaurant includes Hawaiian shirts for Shelley, Ike, Debbie, and Jocelyn. The Monday special, a Polynesian barbecue plate is shown on the counter.

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer


Although it's still wintry outside, Stevens Family Circle Restaurant decided it's time for a change, so through April 12 the menu has special lunch items to

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### Sentencings for March, 2003

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Joshua Alan Lobeck, age 18 of Roscommon - Breaking & Entering of a Coin Operated Device; 180 days in jail with credit for 101 days served, ordered to pay \$9,359.00 restitution, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$60 DNA assessment fee; placed on 36 months probation.

Randy Carl Piipponen, age 18 of Roscommon - Breaking & Entering of a Coin Operated Device; 270 days in jail with credit for 101 days served, ordered to pay \$9,359.00 restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA Assessment Fee, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 36 months probation.

Gerald Arthur Mayhew, age 38 of Frederic - Attempted Arson - Real Property; 270 days in jail with credit for 204 served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$60 DNA assessment fee; placed on 48 months probation.

Richard Elwood Boonie, age 29 of Grayling - Break & Enter with Intent; 365 days in jail with credit for 240 served, may be released after serving 30 days if all fines and costs are paid in full, ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$350 attorney fee.

Casey Nelson Darling, age 18 of Grayling - Break & Enter with Intent; 365 days in jail with credit for 215 served and 150 days held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$2,199.59 restitution, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, \$150 forensic fee, and \$350 attorney fee; placed on 36 months probation.

Charles Daniel Demoinis, age 23 of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree with a child under the age of 13; 45 months to 20 years in prison with credit for 252 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund and \$60 DNA assessment fee; HIV tested and registered as a sex offender.

Robert George Brinker III, age 21 of Grayling - Probation violation on original conviction of Substance - Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana; two days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$150 penal fine, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, and \$150 Forensic fee; dismissed from probation without improvement.

Robert George Brinker III, age 21 of Grayling - Probation violation on original conviction of Substance - Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana; two days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$150 Forensic fee; dismissed from probation without improvement. (To run concurrent with previous sentence.)

Hon. John G. Hunter

Eric Zack Linkhart, age 22 of Grayling - Operating-Operate Under Influence of Liquor/per se Third Offense; Drivers license revoked, 270 days in jail with credit for one served, six months forthwith and balance held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, \$500 penal fine, \$350 attorney fee, \$150 Forensic fee; placed on 24 months probation and must perform 60 days community service.

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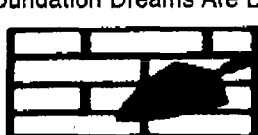
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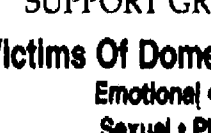
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## Senior project 'beefed up' with dinner

Blake Suhr, a Roscommon High School senior, just "beefed up" his senior project for River House Shelter.

On Saturday, March 29, Blake planned, gathered sponsors, prepared and served a steak dinner with all the fixings to lucky River House Shelter employees, volunteers and clients.

"I wanted to research domestic violence because I grew up in a conservative family and was taught that family violence is wrong," said Suhr. "I wanted to learn more about why abuse

occurs in families. I also wanted to use my skills as a meat cutter."

"He combined the two subjects and the community benefits," said Rhoda Hacker, Director of River House and commended Suhr on his project. "For a young man, who could choose any topic for his senior project, to choose to learn more about domestic violence, shows me that our young people are concerned about this issue. And then to feed us... what more could you ask for?"



Roscommon High School student, Blake Suhr, studied domestic violence for his senior project and recently provided a steak dinner for the clients and employees of River House Shelter.

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## Financial services trainee promoted to administrator

Kimberly Millikin recently graduated from a trainee position to that of branch office administrator at the Grayling office of the financial services firm, Edward Jones. Millikin has lived in Grayling for 10 months.

The firm's local investment representative, Kurt Loll, said Millikin was promoted after successfully completing the firm's in-depth training program.

"For the past six months, Millikin has performed the duties of her job while also working to complete her training and testing requirements Loll said. "This is a well-deserved promotion."

Loll said the title of branch office administrator (BOA) was adopted for this position at Edward Jones because of the wide range of responsibilities associated with the job.

"A BOA is not only responsible for the daily operation of the branch, but also must provide top-level client service and marketing support for office activities," said Loll.

"On any given day, Millikin's activities could include processing client transactions, providing clients with receipts for money and

securities, and assisting in the planning of seminars and special events."

Millikin is a native of Tulsa, OK, but lived for the past five years in Independence, KS, before moving to Grayling this past June. She joined Edward Jones after working as a Tourism Director at the Independence Chamber of Commerce. "I am excited to become a part of this firm, which has earned the respect and trust of so many members of our community," she said.

Millikin is involved in the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Awareness Committee. She and her family attend church at the Burning Bush Tabernacle in Grayling.

In the past, Millikin has been actively involved with Soroptimists International, the International Association of Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Travel Industry Association of Kansas, the Kansas Sampler Foundation, as a board member of Southeast Kansas Tourism Region, as a committee member for the 1st Annual Kansas Mayor's Conference, and as a committee member for a Historic Preservation Study Committee.



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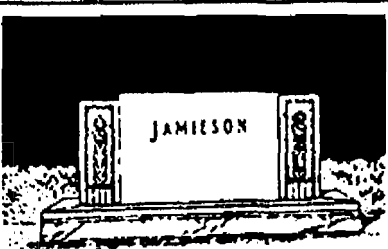
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## Gas price watchdogs can now complain on line



On March 16, when this photo was taken, gas prices in Grayling were climbing again at every service station and citizens were complaining. In areas less than 50 miles away, gas prices were reported to be 18 cents per gallon lower. The state now offers a web site to report suspected price gouging. Gas prices have fallen across the nation in early April.

by Antonio Planas  
Capital News Service  
LANSING -- With Michigan gas prices constantly fluctuating, the state has launched a new Web site to inform consumers of local gas prices.

But an oil industry official, AAA of Michigan and a competing Web site founder say sites gauging gas prices have been around for years.

"This is not a new concept at all," said John Kerekes, regional director of the American Petroleum Institute. "The irony is there aren't many people that don't know the price of gas in their market. Name me another product that puts their prices on a huge sign for all to see."

Director Dan Wyant of the Michigan Department of Agriculture said his department, the Department of Information

Technology and the Public Service Commission launched the site to protect gasoline consumers.

Sen. Alan Sanborn, who is sponsoring legislation to ban gas price gouging, said consumers now have other methods besides word of mouth when looking for the best prices.

"From the standpoint of informing the consumer it's a good thing," the Richmond Republican said. "My concern is that with the states' current budget woes, I'm surprised as to where money was miraculously found to put up the site."

The site is [www.michigan.gov/gasprices](http://www.michigan.gov/gasprices). By typing in a city or ZIP code, users can see the highest, lowest and average price in that area for the previous five days. The site does not give prices for specific gas stations,

but Wyant said that feature might be added in the future.

Prices are tracked by charting regional credit card purchases.

"This is the first time the state has put this information out," Wyant said. "It will allow consumers to do some comparison shopping."

The site also has a link that allows consumers to file complaints against a particular station if its prices are above average for the area. Wyant said the site will cost \$16,000 a year to run. The three agencies will share the expense.

Jim Rink, a press aide for AAA Michigan in Dearborn, said his organization has been monitoring gas prices since 1973. In 1996, it began charting gas prices on its Web site at [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com).

Rink said AAA checks gas prices by conducting weekly phone surveys of 300 gas stations statewide. The site provides a statewide average and a metro Detroit price average. It also provides a range of high and low prices and average prices for the week.

According to AAA, as of March 31, the average weekly gas price for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel was \$1.61 per gallon.

Jason Toews, co-founder of GasBuddy Organization Inc., launched [www.michigan-gasprices.com](http://www.michigan-gasprices.com) in 2001. Toews said the company has 174 Web sites across the country, with at least one per state.

The site provides gas prices for three metropolitan areas in Michigan -- Detroit, Lansing and Grand Rapids -- with average, minimum and maximum prices. It also lists specific stations with addresses with their highest and lowest gas prices within the previous 72 hours.

Kerekes said that these types of sites were probably more useful when prices were about 20 cents higher per gallon, but some people will travel great distances to save a few cents per gallon, he said.

"The general public doesn't like the volatility of gas prices," Kerekes said. "These Web sites at least give them a sense that somebody is watching."

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## Broader property tax breaks proposed for disabled veterans

by Sarah McEvilly  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Michigan's disabled veterans could get an expanded tax break.

A current law exempts disabled veterans from property taxes if a handicap-related accommodation to their home is made, such as installing a ramp or widening doors. A veteran doesn't have to be 100-percent disabled to receive this break.

A new proposal would also exempt totally disabled veterans from property taxes even without a change to their house.

The measure would apply to honorably discharged veterans who are totally and permanently disabled due to a military service-related illness or injury.

"It's broadening the definition of who can receive these benefits," said Hubert Hess, the deputy director of the State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Hess said some veterans become disappointed when they find out an alteration to their house is required to qualify for the tax break. The legislation probably would increase the number of veterans claiming exemptions.

But the proposal has Cass County Veterans Affairs Director Fred Leet asking if the state can afford it. "I'm absolutely for it. Anything you do for a veteran is

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good, but everyone's budgets are so tight right now."

Hess said only 3,700 veterans in Michigan are fully disabled. He said his department can't determine how many veterans in the state take advantage of the existing exemption.

Deborah Koroch, finance director for the city of St. Joseph, said, "It depends on how many disabled veterans the community has, but it will have an impact on them and their budget."

Koroch said she isn't aware of any disabled veterans in St. Joseph because none has filed for the current exemption. The change might make people more aware of their options and some may come and file a claim.

"Anytime you're exempt from a taxation, you'll benefit," she said. "It just depends on how the laws are written and what hoops

you have to jump through to get it."

Berrien County veterans affairs director Donald Olivia said the current law and the proposal would benefit disabled veterans. "A lot of disabled veterans are on fixed incomes, and being exempt from paying property taxes would relieve some of their expenses."

Terry Stanton, the public information officer for the Department of Treasury, said it's too early to tell how much of an impact the proposal would have on the budgets of local governments. "There's no plan yet on how it will work. We have to wait and see if it passes first."

Sen. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) introduced the proposal. Co-sponsors include Sens. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland) Cameron Brown (R-Fawn River Township)

and Tony Stamas (R-Midland).

Kuipers said, "It seemed to make sense, so I signed on as a co-sponsor. This is an opportunity for the state to say thanks to these people who risked their lives for our country."

Brown said he signed on because he felt it was important. He chairs the Senate State Police and Military Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, and his father and two brothers are veterans.

"Our vets are America. This seemed to be the appropriate remedy of relief for them."

Sen. Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac) has introduced other veterans-related legislation to amend the income tax law. Under his proposal, benefits to military personnel wouldn't be subject to the state income tax.



## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### HEEL PAIN & THE WEEKEND WARRIOR

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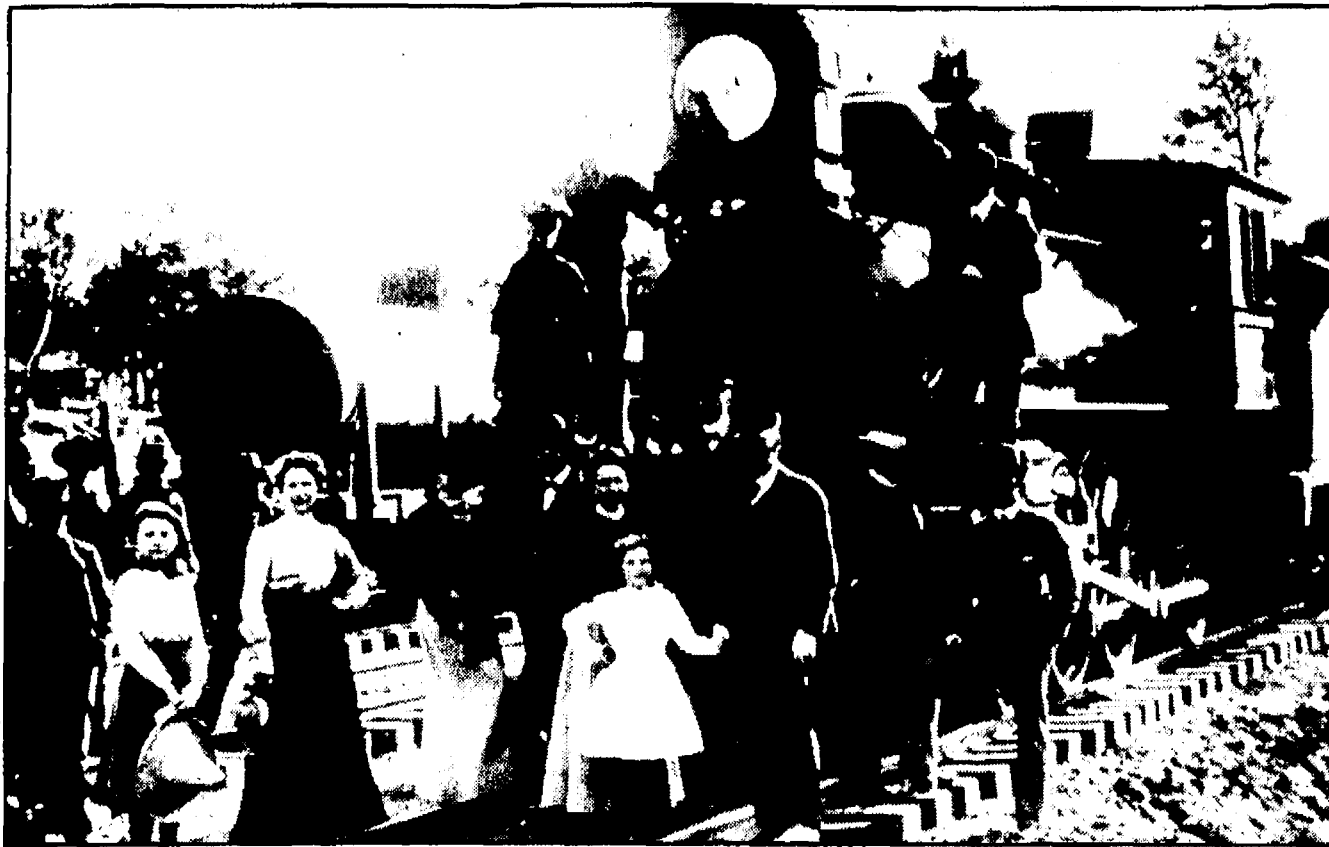
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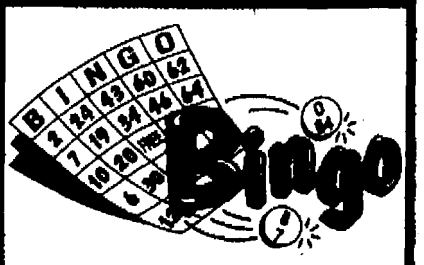
Doors open at 6:45 p.m., the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens, and are available by calling 348-7146 or at the door that evening.

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## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 47 complaints during the period from March 30 - April 6:

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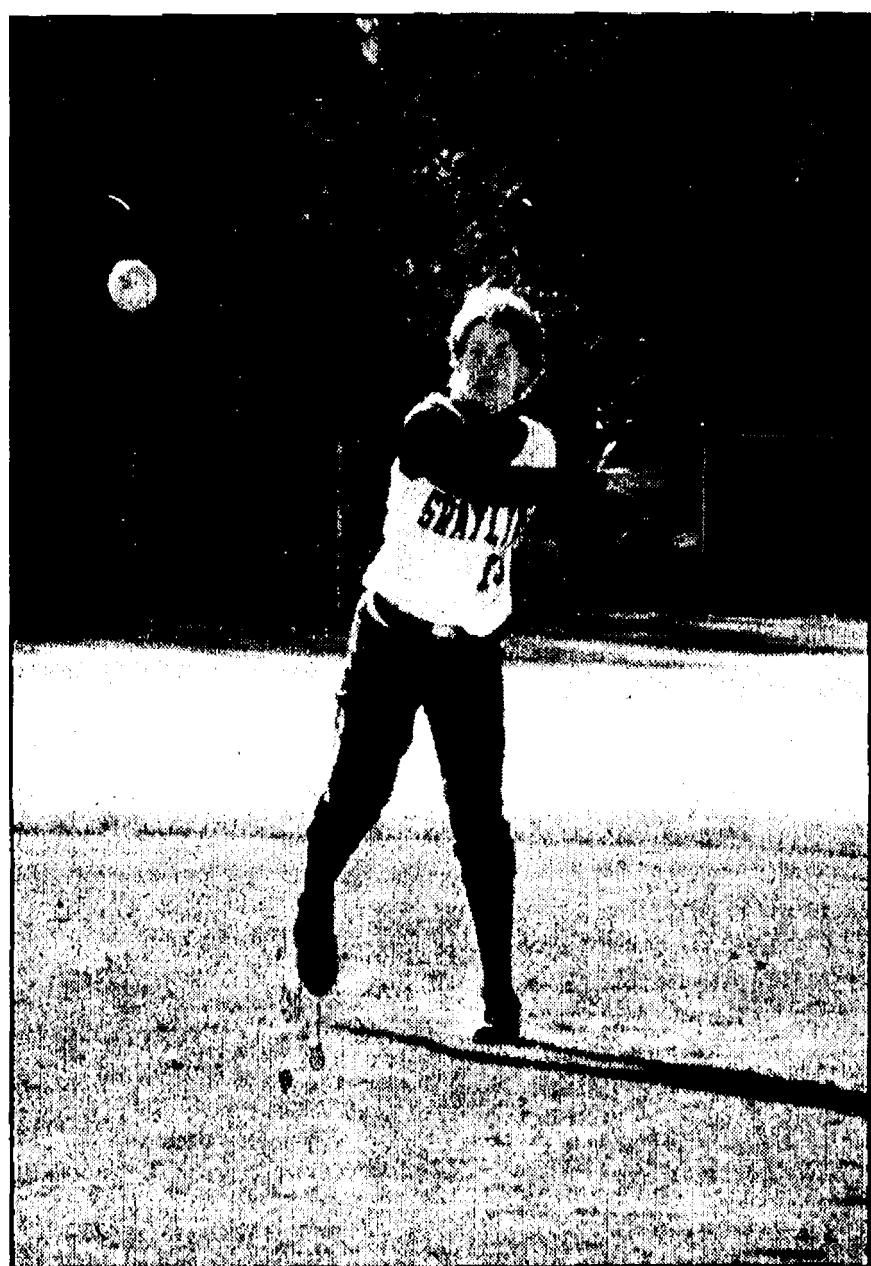
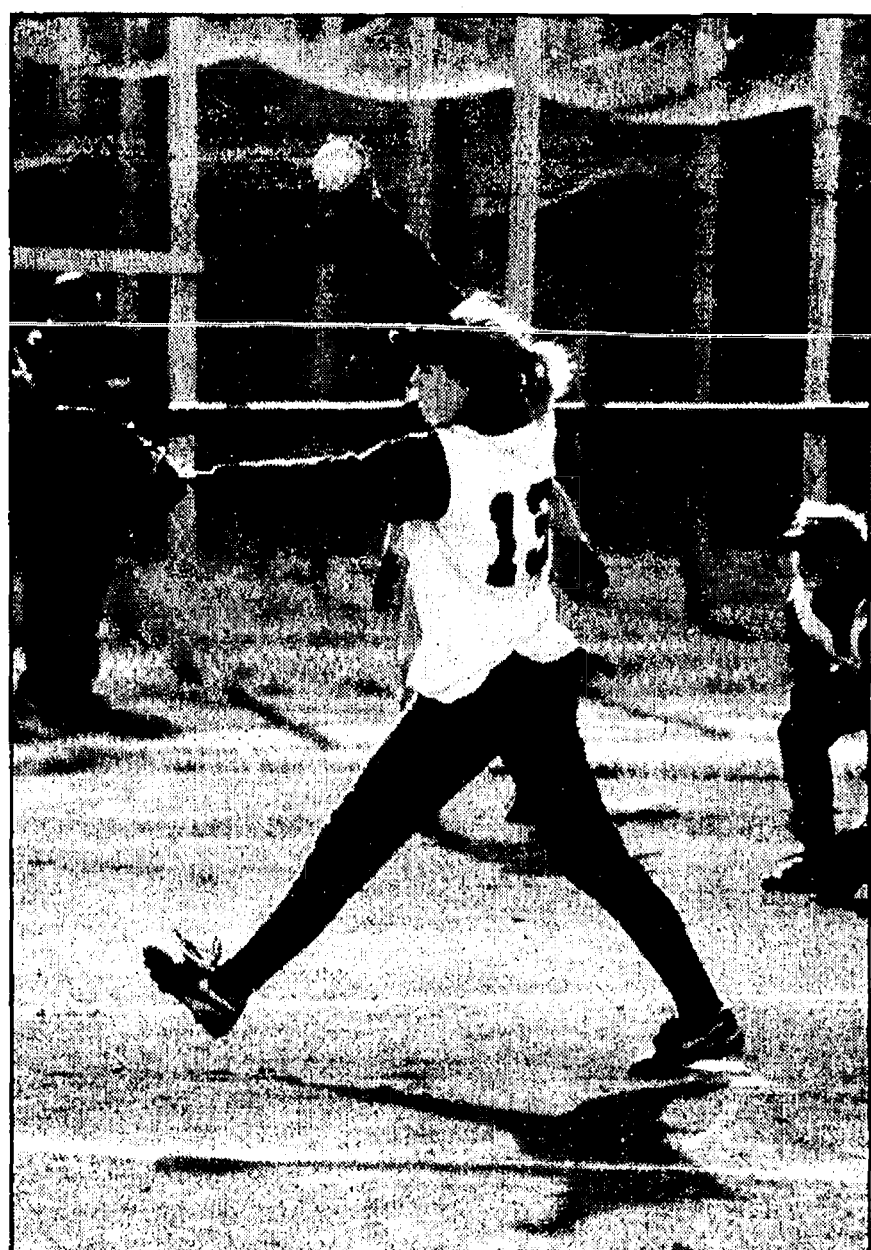




Track to start 2B

*Baseball, softball seasons scheduled to start next week*

## Opening Day set for April 14



► JV and varsity baseball, softball teams scheduled to play on Monday

**G**ray High School's varsity and junior varsity baseball and softball teams all begin their 2003 game schedules with doubleheaders next Monday.

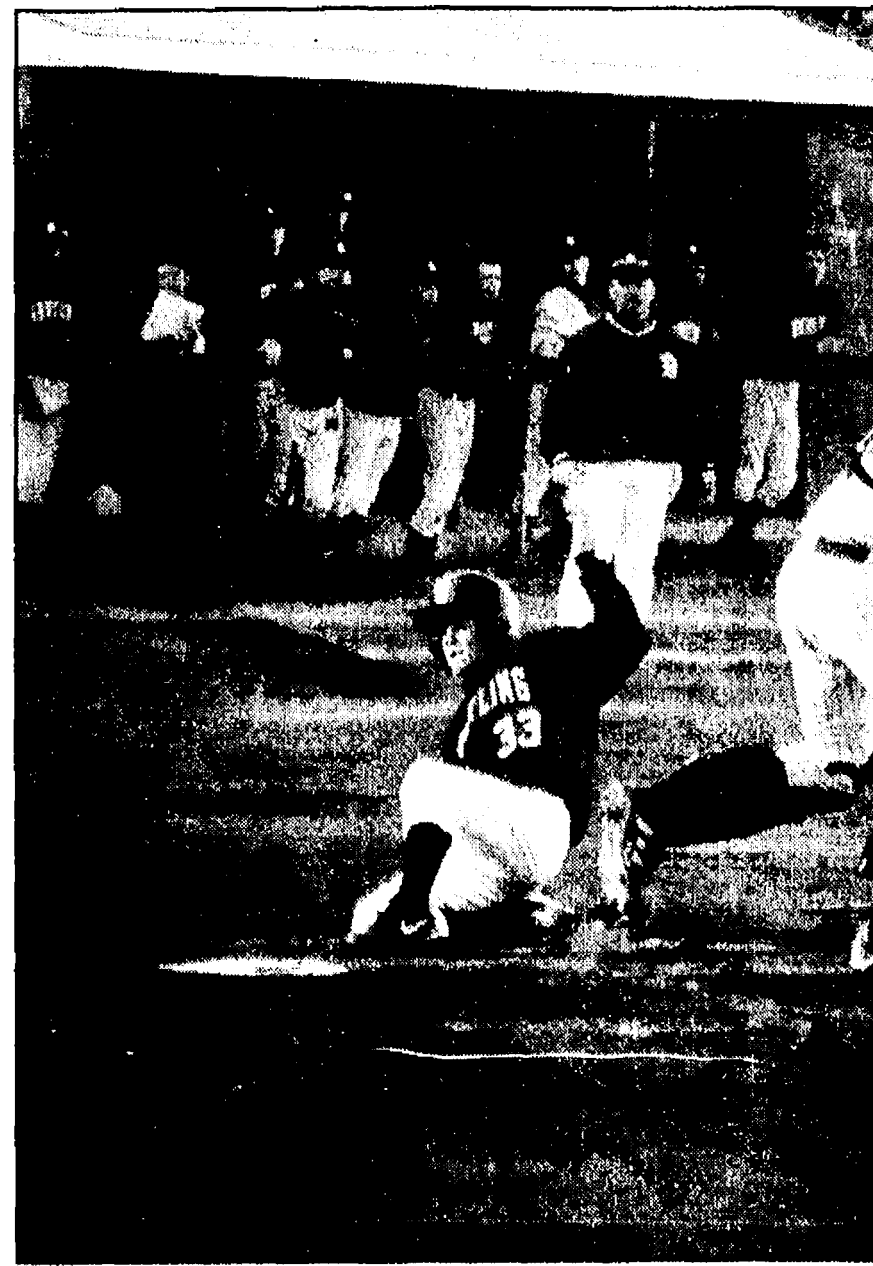
The varsity teams will both host the Bucks of Roscommon on Monday, April 14. The first game of each series is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

The JV squads will play their season openers at Roscommon on April 14 at 4 p.m. The JV teams play at home (vs. Houghton Lake) on Wednesday, April 16.

Partial schedules (the first 10 doubleheaders) are listed below for each team.

Three of the four GHS baseball and softball team coaches are new hires this year. Donna Bougner, varsity softball coach, is the only returner. Bob Gorski and Loren Bass, both of whom have a lot of coaching experience, are the varsity baseball and JV softball coaches, respectfully. Travis Huber is the JV baseball coach.

*(Note: Photos are from the 2002 season.)*



## Varsity Baseball & Softball

### Varsity Baseball & Softball

First Ten Games (H=Home, A=Away)

| Date            | Opponent          | H/A | Time    |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----|---------|
| April 14 (Mon)  | Roscommon         | H   | 4:00 pm |
| April 16 (Wed)  | Houghton Lake     | A   | 4:00 pm |
| April 21 (Mon)  | Charlevoix        | H   | 4:30 pm |
| April 22 (Tues) | Tawas             | H   | 4:00 pm |
| April 24 (Thur) | Elk Rapids        | A   | 4:30 pm |
| April 28 (Mon)  | Kalkaska          | H   | 4:30 pm |
| April 29 (Tues) | Oscoda            | A   | 4:00 pm |
| May 1 (Thur)    | Boyer City        | A   | 4:30 pm |
| May 5 (Mon)     | East Jordan       | H   | 4:30 pm |
| May 6 (Tues)    | Standish Sterling | H   | 4:00 pm |

## JV Baseball & Softball

### Junior Varsity Baseball & Softball

First Ten Games (H=Home, A=Away)

| Date            | Opponent       | H/A | Time    |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|---------|
| April 14 (Mon)  | Roscommon      | A   | 4:00 pm |
| April 16 (Wed)  | Houghton Lake  | H   | 4:00 pm |
| April 21 (Mon)  | Charlevoix     | A   | 4:30 pm |
| April 22 (Tues) | Tawas          | A   | 4:00 pm |
| April 24 (Thur) | Elk Rapids     | H   | 4:30 pm |
| April 28 (Mon)  | Kalkaska       | A   | 4:30 pm |
| April 29 (Tues) | Oscoda         | H   | 4:00 pm |
| May 1 (Thur)    | Boyer City     | H   | 4:30 pm |
| May 6 (Tues)    | East Jordan    | A   | 4:30 pm |
| May 8 (Thur)    | Harbor Springs | H   | 4:00 pm |





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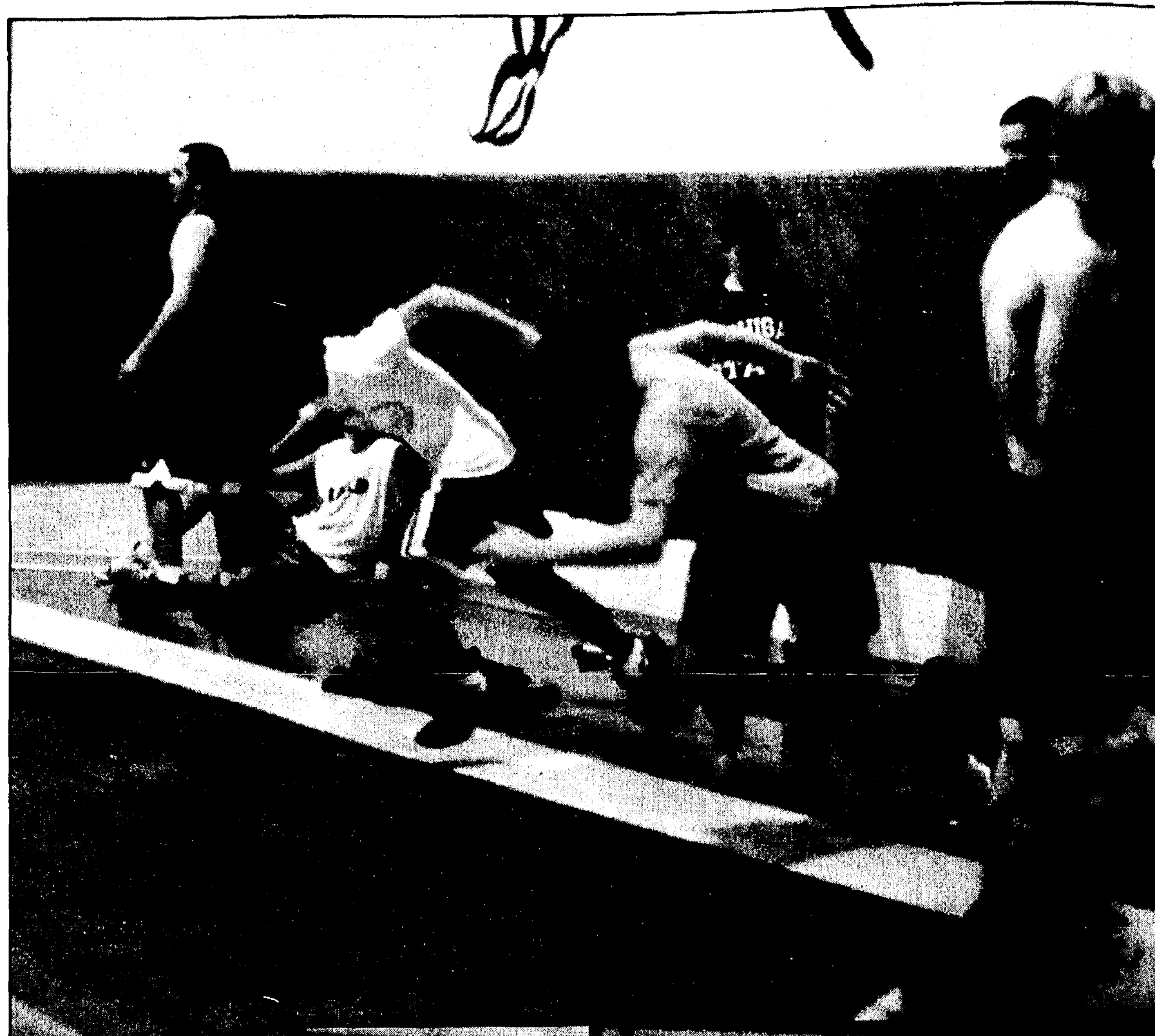
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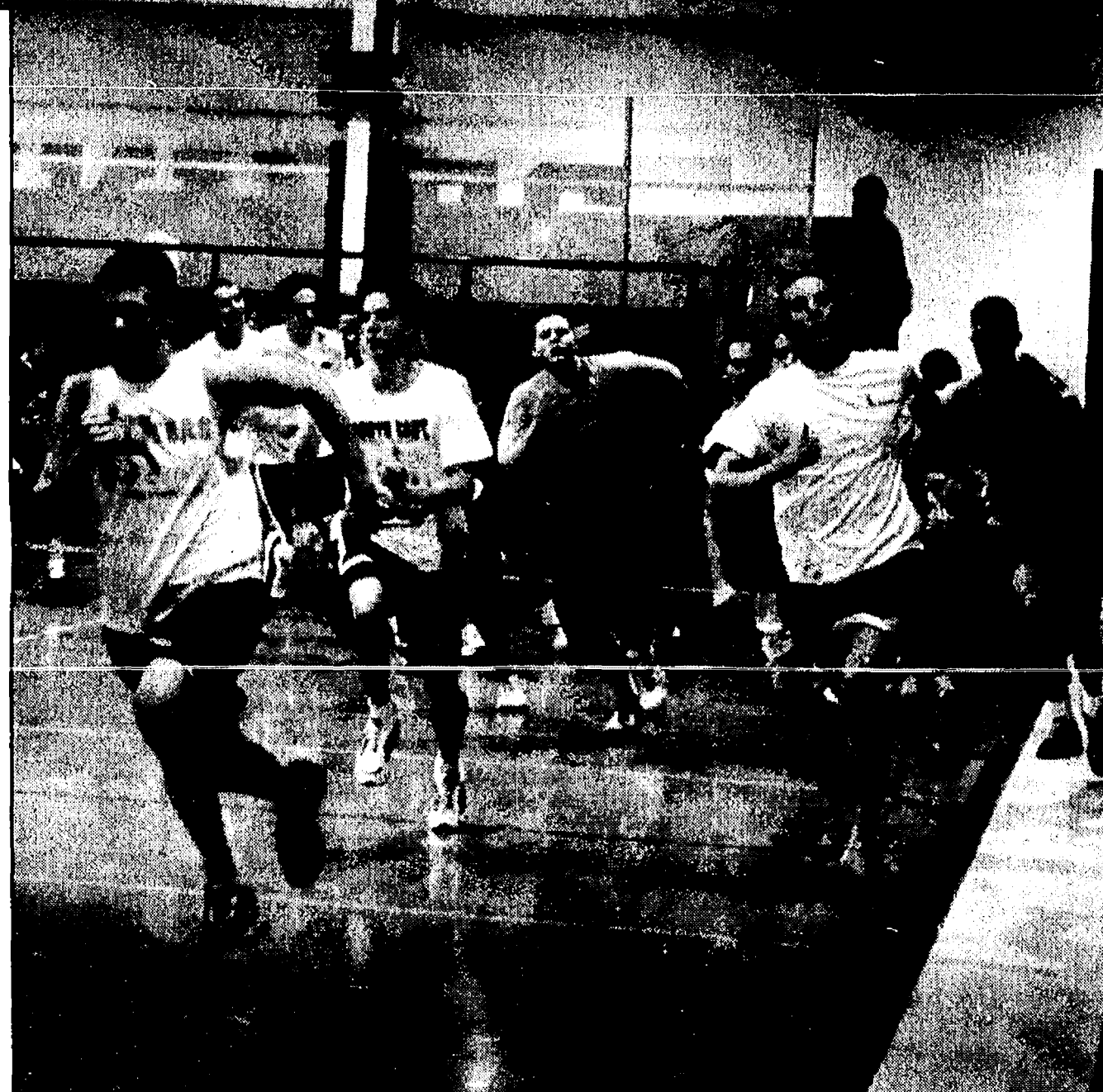
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# Track opener postponed

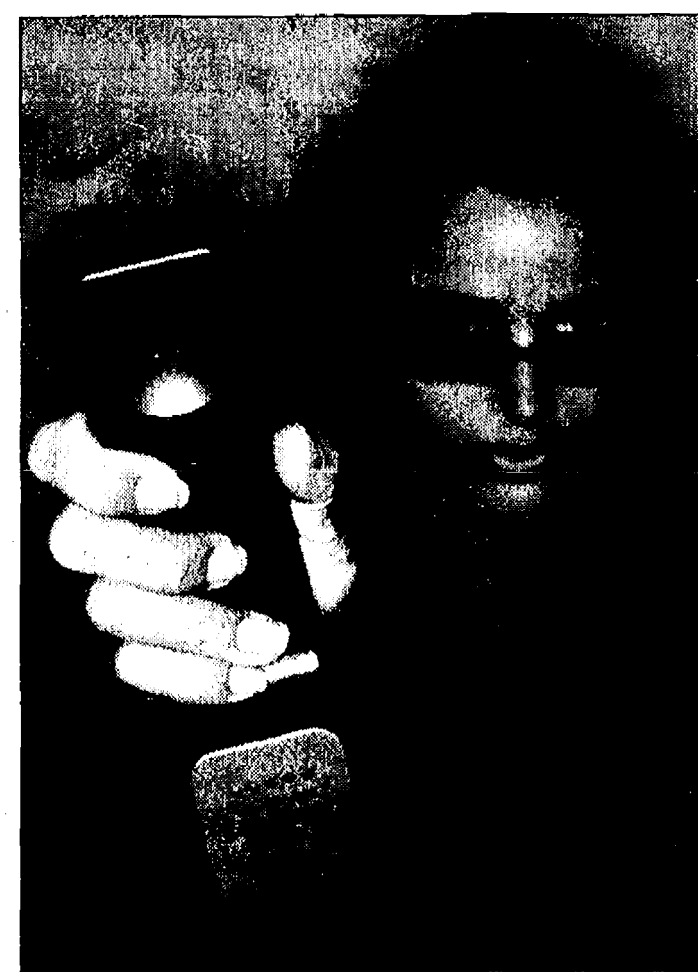


GHS boys track athletes work on sprinting at a pre-season practice. The GHS track and field team was scheduled to open its 2003 meet schedule with a competition at Roscommon on Wednesday, April 9, but the meet has been postponed due to weather conditions. On Tuesday, April 15, the Vikings are scheduled to compete against Ogemaw Heights and Pinconning at Ogemaw.



Members of the GHS boys track team prepare for the 2003 season during a recent indoor practice.

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## New GHS football coach to visit parents

► Coach's door to door visits to start on Saturday, April 12

Jason Mensing, new head football coach at Grayling High School, will be going door to door the next few weekends to introduce himself to the parents of his players and provide them with an informational card that

contains a list of the program's upcoming events.


The visits will be done during the day (starting at 12 noon) on Saturdays, he said.

Coach Mensing said the door to door visits will give parents an opportunity to meet him and ask questions if they want. For those with no questions, or are busy, or just want their privacy, Mensing said he will just introduce himself (and his wife) and leave his informational card. (If the parents aren't home when he comes by, he will leave the information card, he said.)

"Most parents want to meet you face to face," Mensing said. "Some want to know what offense or defense you're going to run, and some just want to know how you're going to treat their kid."

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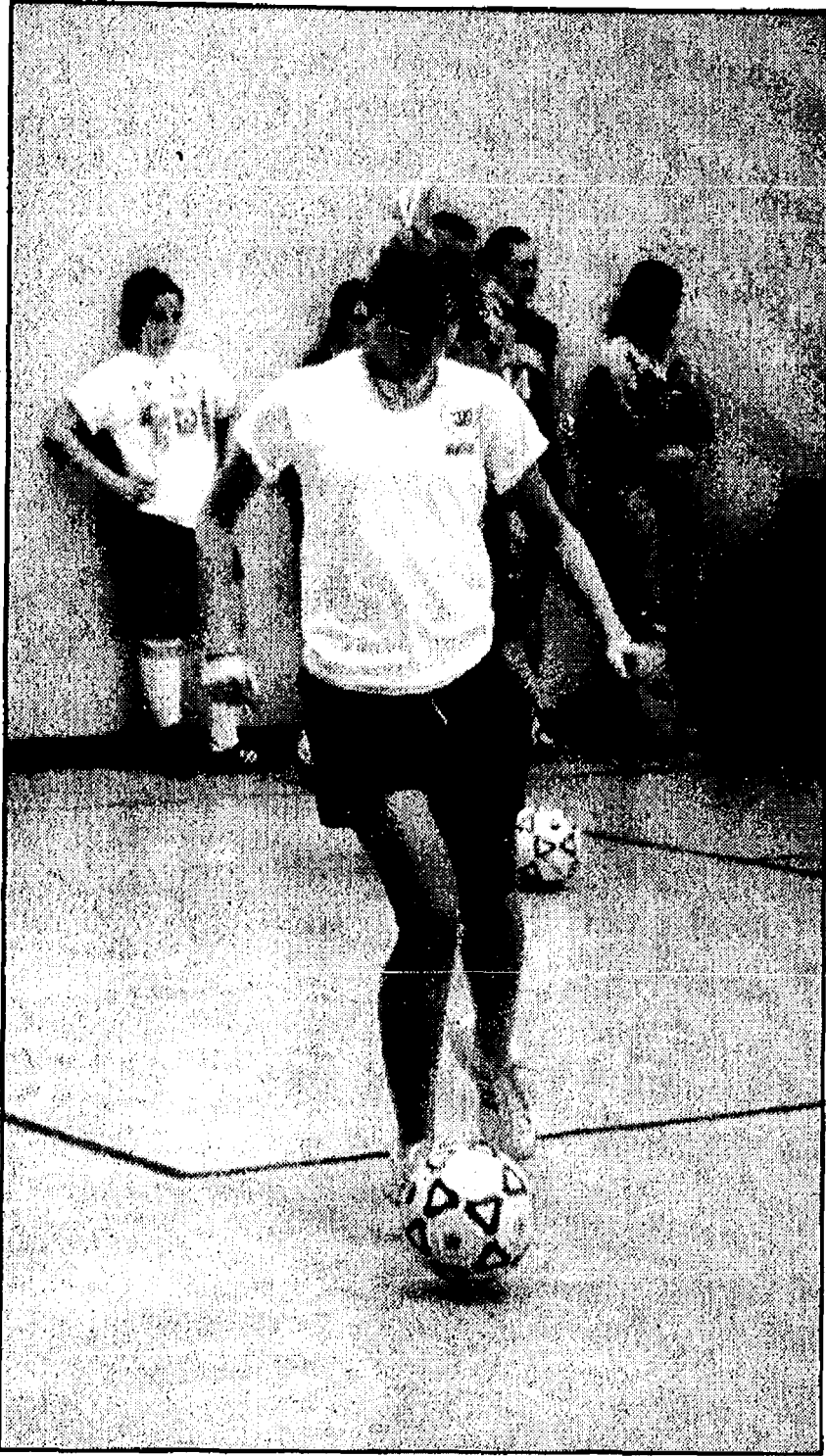
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## Soccer team's first game postponed



(Left) Andi Holzbauer dribbles the ball at an indoor girls soccer practice during the 2003 pre-season this spring. (Right) Casey Mahaffy heads the ball during a practice drill. The GHS varsity girls soccer team was scheduled to open its 2003 season with a match at Tawas on Wednesday, April 9, but the match has been postponed due to weather conditions. The team's game scheduled for Friday, April 11, (at Roscommon at 5 p.m.) is still on as of Tuesday, April 8. The team's home opener is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 5 p.m.

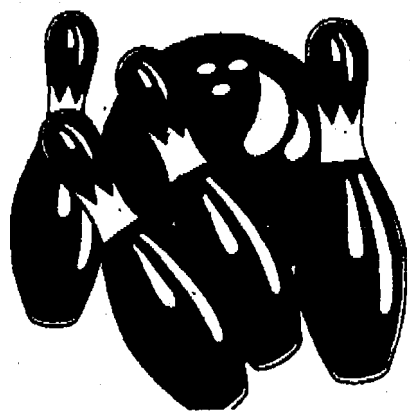
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## GHS ALUMNI SPORTS NEWS

Brad Gorski, a 2001 Grayling High School graduate, recently hit a game-winning grand slam for the Glen Oaks Community College baseball team.

Glen Oaks won the match – the first of a doubleheader – 13-11 over Grand Rapids. “A great team effort in the first game,” Glen Oaks’ coach said. “Our team battled back from three late

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inning deficits to win. The final comeback was capped off in the eighth inning by Brad Gorski's pinch hit, walk off grand slam to win it.”

In the second game, the match was suspended after seven innings due to darkness with the score locked at 2-2.

Glen Oaks is 3-0 in its conference and 10-6 overall.

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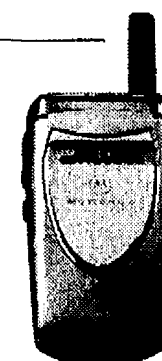
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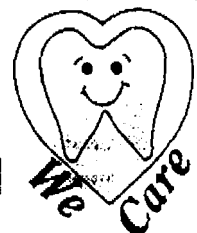
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Stephanie Wakeley (center) has to deflect Kristal Schalau, Tabatha Rashid, Ben Lucey and Maggie VanGuilder from their interest in her "sister" during the GHS Players' *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*.

## Small town life not always serene

Local theater-goers had a chance to see the farewell performances of seniors Charley McNamara, Todd Gaffke, Kristal Schalau and Stephanie Wakeley, March 14 and 15 when the Grayling High School Players presented *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*.

The comedy by John Patrick centers around a famous actress (Stephanie Wakeley) who moves to a small town in New England to write her autobiography.

In an attempt to shoo away nosy neighbors she invents a mad, homicidal sister who she keeps locked in an upstairs attic.

This sister occasionally escapes and scares off visitors except for the local handyman who seems intrigued by her. Then some of her neighbors decide to try to save the soul of this poor demented woman.

In desperation the "sister" is shipped off to Boston which raises suspicions of murder.

Stephanie Wakeley was cast as the famous actress, Myra Marlowe. Charley McNamara was her agent Tom Lamont. The nosy neighbors were Tabatha Rashid as Cora Gump, Kristal Schalau as Reba Harper, and Maggie VanGuilder as Willa Mae Wilcox. Ben Lucey was the handyman Piney and the sheriff was Todd Gaffke.

Student directors were Amber Edgerton and Tony Thomas. The director was Andrea Binert, the technical director was Mark Binert. Bonnie French was in



A famous actress (Stephanie Wakeley) and her agent (Charlie McNamara) discuss the need for some peace and quiet to write her autobiography.

charge of the costumes and props.

The student technical director

was Shane Ferrell. Jason Becky Ramaswamy were the Henning, Nick Henning and production crew.



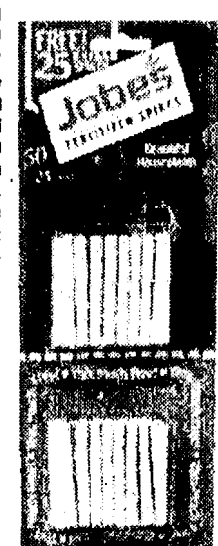
Stephanie Wakeley tries to explain the disappearance of her "mad sister" to sheriff Todd Gaffke



Stephanie Wakeley, as the "mad sister" attacks Kristal Schalau one of the nosy neighbors.

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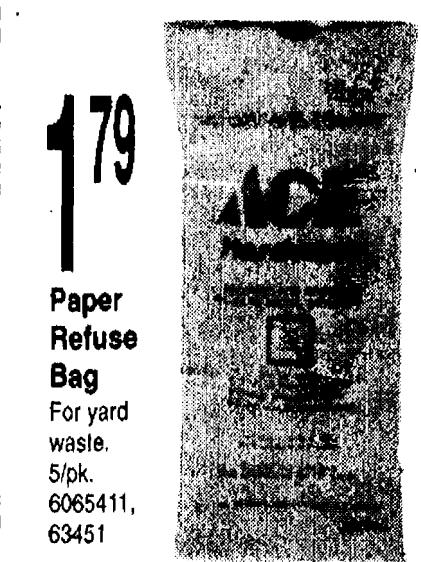
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# Cougars are back... or are they?

by Maureen Walton  
Capital News Service

LANSING — The "mystery cat" is back -- or maybe it never left.

Through extensive research, field studies and DNA evidence, the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy has proof that cougars are in both the Lower and Upper Peninsulas.

"We have DNA evidence from the same cougar two years in a row," said Executive Director Dennis Fijalkowski. "That proves this cougar is resident in the place where we collected their scats," or feces.

Department of Natural Resources specialist Pat Lederle said the DNR fully recognizes there are cougars in the state.

"We recognize they are here, yet we also recognize very little, if any, that there is a large breeding population here," Lederle said.

The conservancy's task, then, is to prove that reproduction and breeding are taking place, which would also demonstrate the undisputed existence of a population.

"We'll soon be providing that evidence from scats collected from a mother and her young, from the same location," Fijalkowski said.

However, Michigan State University wildlife specialist Jim Harding isn't convinced that cougars are here. He considers himself a healthy skeptic.

"It would be neat to think we had a long-term breeding population here but it doesn't quite add up for me yet," Harding said.

Harding said he would need to

see more consensus among wildlife biologists before he's certain there are cougars in Michigan.

"There are a lot of wildlife biologists that know the woods and the animals in them," he said. "If more of those retired DNR biologists started getting on board saying, 'Yeah, we like this evidence,' then I'd pay more attention to it."

Fijalkowski said based on sighting data, there are now between 50 and 80 cougars in Michigan. "There could be more but they're just so hard to pin down -- they are very elusive and secretive animals," he said.

But Lederle disputes the numbers.

"There is absolutely no evidence of a viable, sustainable population of cougars," Lederle said. "There haven't been any pictures, videos, road kills or any cougars that had been shot by someone."

Typical signs that indicate a cougar has been in the area include scratches or gashes on trees, longer and higher than those left by bobcats, Michigan's native wildcat. Also, kill remains, which are often loosely covered with leaves or branches, and scat.

Other signs are tracks, which are usually round and several times larger than a bobcat's. In addition, there won't be visible claw marks, but a definite imprint of four toes.

Fijalkowski said he believes cougars have existed as a remnant population, in low numbers, in the northeastern part of the Lower Peninsula.

"It's been private land for a hundred years. The only people there are deer hunters who usually go for a few days -- other than that, the land is left for cougars because there's nobody around," he said.

According to a recent Conservancy report, there is "DNA evidence of cougars in the Lower Peninsula counties of Emmet, Presque Isle, Alcona and Roscommon." Additionally, researchers are "currently tracking cats in the number of other Lower Peninsula counties, including Benzie and Leelanau."

Throughout the Upper Peninsula, sightings have been so widespread that Fijalkowski said virtually everyone in the U.P. knows there are cougars. "We conservatively estimate there are 10,000 people in Michigan who have personally seen a cougar -- 10,000. Two-thirds of these people live in the Upper Peninsula," he said.

"It's laughable to suggest anywhere in the U.P. that there are no cougars."

In an effort to educate the public and continue cougar research, the conservancy recently established the Michigan Cougar Protection Fund and is developing a brochure called "Living in Cougar Country."

"We want people to understand cougar habits and behaviors and that they're not a threat to us," Fijalkowski said. "In the documented history of our state, which goes back 200 years, we have never had a case of a cougar menacing a human being."

Fijalkowski said the DNR did the cougar a terrible disservice

when it issued kill permits to two farmers in Kalkaska County last fall after some chickens and ducks were killed, and horses and mules attacked.

Cougar tracks up and down their driveways prompted the two farmers to contact the DNR. "Under pressure from these landowners, the DNR had to issue kill permits," Fijalkowski said.

Currently, cougars are listed as an endangered species in Michigan. Killing a cougar is illegal and carries a penalty of up to \$1,000, not more than 90 days in jail, or both.

However, according to a DNR ruling, "A state listed endangered that poses a threat to human health or property upon good cause shown and where necessary to alleviate damage to property or to protect human health ... animals may be captured or destroyed but only pursuant to a permit issued by the DNR."

"They put a bull's-eye on the cougar's head, and the message to the people of Kalkaska County was that these animals are dangerous and need to be killed," Fijalkowski said.

Fijalkowski said he wants people to understand the role of the cougar in the ecosystem: "It's the largest predator in our state and has not only an ecological role to play, but it has an aesthetic value and is part of our wildlife heritage," he said.

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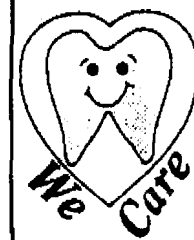
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"Hunters receive a preference point each year that they are unsuccessful in obtaining a harvest tag. Applicants may apply for a harvest tag or elect to bank a preference point by applying and forgoing the license selection process. Only one point will be awarded in a given year."

"Each year, licenses for a particular hunting period and unit will be issued to applicants with the most points. If there are not enough licenses available for all persons with the same number of points, a random drawing will be held to distribute the remaining licenses."

"Up to four hunters may apply as a party; the party's preference standing will equal that of the party member with the fewest number of points; all party members will receive a tag if the party is selected."

"A person's preference standing will return to zero points upon selection, including successful applicants who do not purchase their license."

"A person must apply at least once every three years to maintain their preference points; persons who fail to apply or are ineligible to apply for a license for three consecutive years will lose their points," the DNR states.

Results of the 2003 drawing will be announced in June.

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"The goal of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Black Bear Management Program is to maintain a healthy black bear

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## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6606-DE

Estate of John Jarvis, Sr., Deceased,

Date of birth: 02/02/25

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, John Jarvis Sr., who lived at 1365 Payne Road, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 11, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jacqueline J. Jarvis, c/o David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 5, 2003  
David R. Sabin P19822  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989/348-5588  
Jacqueline J. Jarvis  
3300 Fifth Street, Detroit Beach  
Monroe, MI 48162

### Public Auction Sale

Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for non-payment of internal revenue taxes due from RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations. 04/22/2003, 11:00 AM, 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE., GRAYLING, MI 49738 (BASEMENT LEVEL).

Only the right, title and interest of RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO. in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold.

Real Property located in the State of Michigan, City of Grayling, County of Crawford, and further described as:

The Southwesterly 40.0 feet of Lots 5 and

6, all of Lot 7, and the Northerly 50 feet of Lot 8, Block 8, of the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 02 Crawford County Records.

Approximately 5,000 square feet block wall building, commercial zoning, lot size 110' X 180'

AKA: 102 Ottawa Street, Grayling, MI- MINIMUM BID: \$63,032.07.

Property may be inspected at: DRIVE BY ONLY, 102 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan.

Full payment required on acceptance of highest bid.

All payments must be made by cash, certified check, cashier's or treasurer's check or by a United States postal, bank, express, or telegraph money order. Make check or money order payable to the Internal Revenue Service. FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

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Bettye Myatt  
22600 Hall Rd., Ste. 102  
Clinton Township, MI 48036  
586-493-4555

### STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6017 CH  
J.C. Monte, L.C.

Everett C. Smiley and  
Doris A. Smiley, husband and wife  
TO: Everett C. Smiley and Doris A. Smiley

#### IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to Lot 60, Northern Heights, Warblers Hideaway, Crawford County, MI. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 9, 2003. If you fail to do so,

## 3rd ANNUAL GRAYLING FOOTBALL GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

1.

Captain

3.

Phone # of captain

Send To: Craig Stewart  
PO Box 379  
Grayling MI 49738

Any questions contact Craig Stewart (989) 348-3982

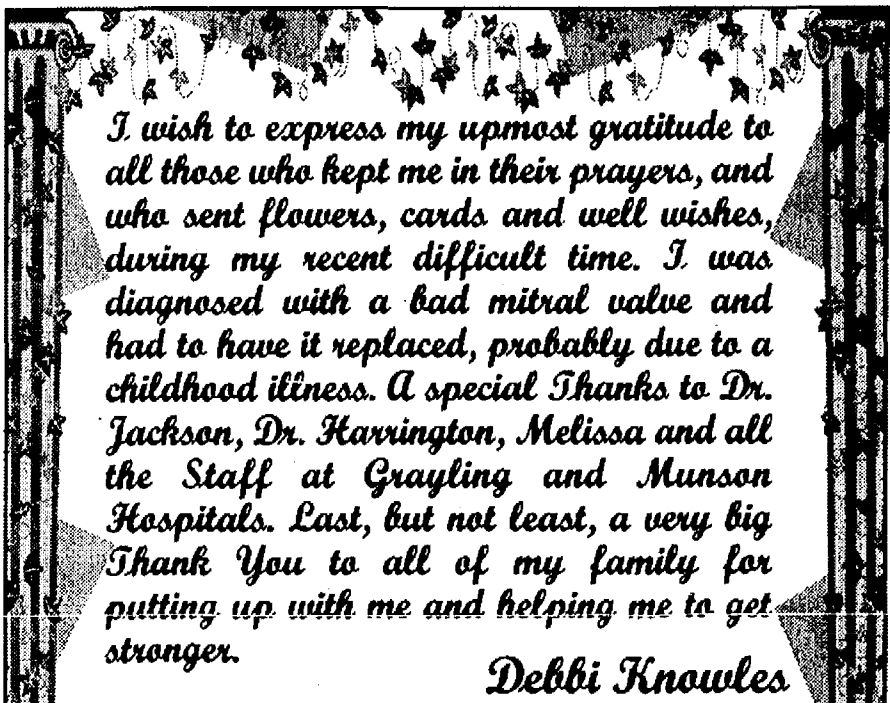
2.

4.

Make Checks Payable:  
Grayling Athletics

## Football golf outing set for Saturday, May 3

The Grayling Athletic Department recently announced that the 3rd Annual Grayling Football Golf Outing - a fund-



*I wish to express my upmost gratitude to all those who kept me in their prayers, and who sent flowers, cards and well wishes, during my recent difficult time. I was diagnosed with a bad mitral valve and had to have it replaced, probably due to a childhood illness. A special Thanks to Dr. Jackson, Dr. Harrington, Melissa and all the Staff at Grayling and Munson Hospitals. Last, but not least, a very big Thank You to all of my family for putting up with me and helping me to get stronger.*

Debbi Knowles

a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: March 20, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5588

-27-03-10

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John D. Tuck and Teresa A. Melroy-Tuck, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, mortgagee, dated November 26, 2001 and recorded December 3, 2001 in Liber 561, Page 532, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two and 30/100 Dollars (\$41,482.30) including interest at the rate of 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 200 feet North and 33 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 120 feet; thence West 120 feet; thence South 120 feet; thence East 120 feet to the point of beginning of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 27, 2003  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorney for Fifth Third Mortgage-MI LLC, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48067-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 200.0789

27-03-10-17-24

### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jocelyn Montgomery of 205 Alexia Lane, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, of 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated July 3, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the

County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on August 2, 2001, in Liber 0546 Pages 306 through 313 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$24,414.98.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April 2003 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 101, Grayling Mobile Estates #3, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 11, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP  
Amy J. Durant (P54777)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-20-27-03-10-17

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK  
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of the D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff  
v  
Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen Schroeder, jointly and severally, and Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation, d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a Margretheville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
231-941-9660

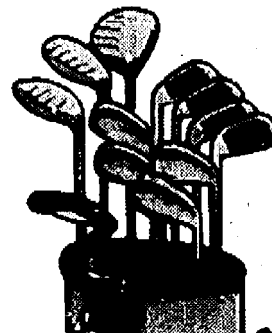
Notice of Foreclosure Sale  
1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this Judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and inter-

raiser for the GHS football program - will be held at Fox Run Country Club on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m.

This year, the program will be introducing its new head football coach, Jason Mensing, and his wife Angel. Mensing comes to Grayling from Addison, MI where he was the Lenawee County Coach of the Year in 2002.

"Please join us as we welcome him to our community and help raise funds to benefit our football program," Athletic Director Brian Banda said in a press release. "All proceeds will go directly to the Grayling High



School Football Program."

The fee to participate in the golf outing is \$200 per four-person team. The fee includes 18 holes of four-person scramble golf, a chicken dinner, and a chance at winning a door prize.

To sign up, fill out the attached form and return it, with payment, to the address listed.

April 23, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 19, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, "unless" determined "abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2003

For information, please call:

Team H (248) 593-1300

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313211

Team H

20-27-03-10

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### Special meeting held on the 12th day of March 2003

#### Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Wellman, Wyman, Moshier, Hayes, Palmer  
Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Fred Hoisington and Tim Roache from Gosling Czubak, Jill Wyman, Shirley Vanderveer, Diane Tompkins Burch, Karl Vanderveer, Jim Burch, Loren Goodale, Loren Goodale III, Bill Greene, Barbara Clark Greene, Cari Opperman, Alfred Mathew Sr., Fay C. Bovee, Bob Bovee, Nancy Hunt, Lynne Chene, John Howe, Rita Collis, Sharon Davis, Doug Meroney, Laurie Jamison, Robert Impullitti, Dorothy Impullitti, Tracy Crouch, Don Jacobi, Jeff Emmons, Rich Schank, Kendal Strouse, MaryAnn Ferrigan, Gary McConnell, Wayne C. Koppa, Caleb Casey, Steve Southard, Bill Gannon, G. Joe Swain

III. Informational Session.  
The purpose of this informational session is to uncover issues related to the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), listen to public comments, pose questions and help the City Council arrive at a decision on the creation of a DDA for the City of Grayling's business district.

Fred Hoisington from Gosling Czubak presented an overview of the meeting's purposes, the actions of the City Council to date, and the process or next steps should a DDA be established. Bill Danhof from Miller Canfield, the City of Grayling's Bonding Attorney is standing by in Lansing if we need to call him with any questions. Fred Hoisington then asked a series of questions and received the responses from those in attendance.

IV. Adjournment  
03-57

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk



# LEGAL ACTION

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 10th day of March 2003  
Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Hayes, Wellman, Moshier, Wyman, Palmer. Members absent: None.

III. Public Hearing. Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda. A. Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2003. B. 911 Activity Report for the Month of February 2003. C. Police Department Monthly Report for February 2003. D. MDOT Monthly Progress Report for February 2003.

03-49 Moved by Moshier, seconded by Wellman that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

V. Approval of Council Minutes.

A. Meeting of February 24, 2003.

03-50 Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

B. Special Meeting of March 1, 2003.

03-51 Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier that the minutes of the special meeting of March 1, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

VI. Old Business.

A. Linda Brooks from ICMA Retirement Corporation was in attendance to explain the defined contribution retirement plan.

B. Rob Aubry was in attendance representing the Grayling Little League to inform the City Council what is happening with Little League and what their future plans are.

C. Don Pizzurro and Link Hibernig from Waste Management were present to request a change in their contract to allow them to pick up the trash from residents on Mondays instead of Wednesdays.

03-52 Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier to change residential trash pick up days to Mondays. Waste Management will do a mailing to notify residents of the change and authorize Allen Lowe, City Manager to sign the agreement changing the contract. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

D. Fifth Third Bank would like to know what funds the City would use to pledge repayment of the loan for their proposal in financing the Fire Station. Consensus was to use the Income Tax Funds. We will be getting other proposals that will need this information as well.

E. DDA informational session is scheduled for March 11, 2003 at the AuSable Primary school library. At the request of Fred Hoisington from Gosling Czubak, Bill Danhof from Miller Canfield, our bonding attorney will be available by speakerphone from his office to answer questions. Michele Moshier, City Clerk has made arrangements with the School to have a speakerphone available.

DDA Public hearing is scheduled for March 19, 2003 at the Grayling Elementary School Gym.

F. Discussion of the plan for the 5 Acres at the New City Hall site.

G. Building Update on the New City Hall.

H. Jansen's will install water meters for sewer only accounts for \$100 each, if we supply the material. There were concerns of how we can enforce this ordinance. Council would like for City Manager, Allen Lowe to check with the City Attorney to see what our options are and bring back for the next meeting.

I. Gosling Czubak gave a proposal for the gravel road required in the Industrial Park.

J. Police Software

03-53 Moved by Hayes, seconded by Wellman to allow Chief Schreiner to put in the budget for 2003-2004 the purchase of the Crimestar software. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

K. 2003 Recreation Grant Application Proposal from Gosling Czubak. There will be a public hearing on March 19, 2003 for approving the application at 7:00 PM at the Grayling Elementary School.

VII. New Business.

A. Mercy Hospital is sponsoring a fitness program. The promoting Active Communities Award is given by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Nine Communities in Northern Michigan participated last year. Mercy Hospital wants to set up a competition between Grayling, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake.

B. Terry Wright from Grayling Township, sent a letter requesting an unspecified dollar amount toward the hiring of a county-wide economic development professional.

03-54 Moved by Hayes, seconded by Moshier to extend the meeting past 9:30 PM. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

C. An engineering Proposal for Capital Improvements Report by Gosling Czubak was presented, which would bring our plan up to date.

03-55 Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to approve the Capital Improvements Report by Gosling Czubak for \$6,740.00 deleting task 3 and an adjustment as per Carl Lehto of \$300.00 off from task 6. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

D. The Reliable Supply Building on Ottawa Street has been seized by the IRS and will be going up for bid. Discussion was held on whether or not the City would be interested in the property, possible for additional parking. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.

Carl Lehto from Gosling Czubak gave a report of current activities, Action/Discussion Items and Anticipated Activities that the City of Grayling has with Gosling Czubak.

IX. Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee.

ZBA:

A variance request was granted to Tom Kirk of Superior Finishers to build a pole barn as close as possible to the property line without going over.

There was discussion of the abandonment of the old 27.

Planning Commission:

Public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:00 PM at City Hall to consider a change in the Zoning Ordinance Map.

Parks Committee:

Discussion of next year's budget.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2003 at 4:45 PM at the Chamber building.

The parks Committee is in need of another member to fill the vacant seat.

The City Council would like a job description of the Parks Committee.

X. Reports from Manager & Council Members.

Manager's Report:

Four of the township supervisors met with the County to discuss a procedure to identify excess State Land. They are going to have their recommendations by March 26, 2003. Allen Lowe, City Manager is responsible for determining who in Lansing gets the information. The Otsego County Equalization Director was at the meeting to explain their GIS system. There will be another informational

session on March 21, 2003.

Council Member Reports:

Moshier inquired as to whether or not Doug Duby was asked about snowplowing this weekend and wanted to know what the County's procedure was.

Hayes informed the Council that he would be absent from the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

XI. Adjournment.

03-56 Moved by Wellman, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

03-10-03

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald E. Ray and Gail S. Ray, husband and wife, of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee, to Pines Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on April 14, 1997 in Liber 428, on page 96, Crawford County Records, Michigan, which said mortgage was thereafter assigned to Norma E. Daugherty Revocable Living Trust by assignment dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on June 19, 1997 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 432 of Crawford County Records, on page 75, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$9,955.48 plus \$3.93 interest per day after 4/10/03.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage with the interest thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16%) per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to County Building in City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Lovells, Parcel E-1: Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of Sec. 27, T 28 N, R 2 W; thence S 87 degrees 58 minutes E 330.0 feet along Sec. line, thence N 0 degrees 40 minutes W 393.07 feet; thence N 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds E 526.34 feet along centerline of county road 612; thence N 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds E 1024.25 feet along northerly line of railroad grade; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 658.82 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 330.0 feet; thence N 89 degrees 49 minutes E 200.0 feet along center of county road, thence S 0 degrees 38 minutes E 330.0 feet; thence S 89 degrees 49 minutes W 200.0 feet to the point of beginning. Part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24 T 28 N, R 2 W, Lovells Township,

## WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Friday, April 11, 2003 at 8:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission will lift the weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads, with the exceptions of:

Military Road between 4 Mile and Fletcher and Hartwick Pines Road (north between Batterson Road and 612).

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director  
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
James Burch, Commissioner

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #03-4: Daniel D. Smock, petitioner.  
(Tabled from 3-17-03)  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 13  
045-700-00-031-00 & 045-700-00-035-00  
Lots 31-35, Pine Point Sub.  
6438 M-72 West  
C-1 Zone

An amended request to construct a car wash facility and equipment storage building. Closest point of construction 14' to the front lot line, a variance of 61', and 10' from the rear lot line, a variance of 15'.

Case #03-5: Douglas Ellsworth, petitioner.  
045-765-10-030-00  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 9  
Lots 30-34, Blk 10, 5th Add. PLP Sub.  
Holly Lane  
R-2 Zone

A request to construct a 24' 8" x 40' house with an 8' x 10' porch. Closest point of construction 37' 4" to the rear lot line, a variance of 12' 8".

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361

Terry R. Wright  
Zoning Administrator

Crawford County, Michigan.

Sidwell No. 20-013-024-013-020-06

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March, 2003

Norma E. Daugherty

Revocable Trust, Mortgagee

Michael A. Nedelman (P35433)

Attorney for Mortgagee

Nedelman Pawlak, PLC

32000 Northwest Highway, Ste. 240

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

(248) 855-8888

File No. 1104.802

03-10-17-24

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 19th day of March 2003

Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Wyman, Palmer, Moshier, Hayes, Wellman

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Suzanne Kelley, Fred Hoisington, Tim Roache, Kendal Strouse, Denise Strouse, Bob Bovee, Fay Bovee, Jill Wyman, Caleb Casey, Loren Goodale, Loren Goodale III, Barbara Clark, Greene, Bill Greene, Doug Meroney, Carolyn Diponio, Don Prause, Patsey Prause, Mary Fox, Cari Opperman, Brenda Nielson, Terry Nielson, Becky Robinson, Rita Collis, John Howe, Steve Southard, Kursten Lietz, Bill Gannon, Nancy Hunt, Aubrey Welch, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Cathy McGuire, Jeff Emmons, Sandra Coe, Cindy Pushman, MaryAnn Ferrigan, Joni Dunkel, Michele Steffy

The mayor offered 30 seconds of silence to reflect on our Country's state.

III. Public Hearing.

A. Consideration of establishing a Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Mayor Wyman opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM.

Steve Southard, Kendal Strouse, Doug Meroney, MaryAnn Ferrigan, Loren Goodale III, Barbara Clark, Greene, Sandra Pushman, Mary Fox from Mercy Hospital, Loren Goodale, Becky Robinson, Carolyn Diponio, and Jeff Emmons offered comments and/or suggestions regarding the proposed DDA.

Mercy Hospital, Jerry Keelan, Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau sent letters/statements regarding the proposed DDA.

Mayor Wyman closed the Public Hearing at 8:27 PM.

B. Approval of the 2003 Recreation Grant Application for Recreational Improvements at the Grayling City Park.

Mayor Wyman opened the Public Hearing at 8:35 PM.

Suzanne Keiley from Gosling Czubak was in attendance to get clarification and approval of the scope items for the grant application. The scope items include:

- Construction of barrier-free restrooms independent structure.

- Construction of 20 parking spaces, paved.

- Shoreline/Pathway improvements, includes grading.

- Construction of a fishing pier and pilings

- Construction of canoe staging sites, includes shore stabilization and river bank improvements.

- Construction 1,200 square foot boardwalk and pilings.

- Construction of an 80 foot long pedestrian bridge to replace existing bridge

- Plus engineering costs

Joni Dunkel, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Carolyn Diponio and Fay Bovee were among those who offered opinions and/or suggestions to the scope items.

03-58 Moved by Wellman, seconded by Hayes that the Grayling City Council proceed with the grant application process to include the scope items, including an independent structure for barrier-free restrooms with an estimated cost to be \$465,300 and the City's matching funds to be approximately \$116,325 to be funded with Income Tax money. Roll Call

Vote: Moshier: Nay, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Aye, Wellman: Aye, Hayes: Aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wyman closed the Public Hearing at 9:17 PM

IV. Adjournment

03-59

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky A. Kelly and Michael P. Kelly, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Fairbank Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 22, 1998, and recorded on August 18, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 136 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the ContiMortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 25, 1998, which was recorded on November 4, 1998, in Liber 467 on Page 125, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eighteen and 27/100 dollars (\$17,018.27), including interest at 9.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 33 of AuSable Woods No. 3, a Subdivision of part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, and a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2003

For information, please call:

Team R (248) 593-1305

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200231876

Team R

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## The Earned Income Tax Credit. You may have earned it. Why not claim it?

If you're working hard just to make ends meet and have one or more children living with you, you may qualify for the EITC. Think of it as a reward for doing one of life's most beautiful, most important and most loving jobs. Visit our Web site or ask your tax preparer if you qualify. Because when it comes to getting more for your family, consider it done.

A message from the Internal Revenue Service.

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The Internal Revenue Service

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Inc., is the Regional Substance Abuse Service Coordinating Agency serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties. As part of its annual action planning process, the agency is accepting Public Comment on services for the 2003/2004 Fiscal Year.

Written comment will be received by email to heidi@nmsas.net or by mail through April 30, 2003 at:

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1278  
Gaylord, MI 49734

In addition, Public Hearings will be held on April 22, 2003 in the lower level conference room at the offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, located at 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and April 23, 2003 in the second floor conference room of District Health Department #10, 521 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending the above meetings and require special services are asked to contact Heidi Serven at 989-732-1791 ext. 18, three days prior to the scheduled meetings. Driving directions are available upon request.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

## BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

TO: The residents and property owners of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing concerning the adoption of a proposed new Zoning Ordinance for Beaver Creek Township, patterned after and replacing the existing Crawford County Zoning Ordinance as it presently regulates Beaver Creek Township, will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 commencing at 7:30 PM at the Beaver Creek Township Hall located within the township at 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, as required under the provisions of the Township Zoning Act.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the public hearing is for the purpose of consideration and adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance and Map, but patterned after and to replace the existing County Zoning Ordinance and Map as presently regulate the Township, to govern the regulation and use of land and buildings within the Township, which proposes to divide the Township into Districts, define certain terms used therein, impose regulations, prohibitions and restrictions concerning the erection, construction or reconstruction of structures or buildings and lands to be used for the purposes of forestry, agricultural, residential use, commercial use and industrial use and other specified purposes; regulating and limiting the height and size of buildings and structures; regulating and limiting lot occupancy; the size of yards and other open spaces; establishing boundaries of Districts by means of a Zoning Map, creating a Zoning Board of Appeals and creating and limiting the powers and duties of said Board and setting standards to guide the actions of said Board and providing the means of enforcing the Ordinance and providing a penalty for violation of said Ordinance and other specific and related matters as provided therein;

Anyone interested in reviewing the proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Map may examine a copy of same at the office of the Township Clerk, Sharon Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 until the time of said hearing and may further review same at said public hearing;

Written correspondence or documents will be received from any interested persons concerning said proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Map by the Beaver Creek Township Clerk, Sharon Hartman, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 up until the time of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at said Hearing.

The Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission and the Township Board observe the right to make changes in the proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Map at, or following, the Public Hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place.

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audiotapes of printed material being considered at the Hearing, to the individuals with disabilities at the Hearing, upon four days notice to the Beaver Creek Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address and telephone number listed below.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk  
Beaver Creek Township  
8888 S Grayling Rd.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Ph # (989) 275-8878



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago April 10, 1980

Members of the Grayling Archery Club's younger set walked off with a ton of trophies at the State MMA Round Archery Tournament. The group of shooters include Charlie Burpee, Bud Ostrowski, Todd VanDeVen, Jay Dannenberg, Scott VanDeVen, Georgia Burpee, Piper Ostrowski, and Jean Bitner.

"Old Man Winter" took one last swipe at Grayling residents last Thursday afternoon and dumped three inches of wet snow on the community. It was the day after balmy breezes and 60 degree temperatures had us all believing that spring had finally arrived.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging has received \$22,906 to continue its Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Grayling.

The grant will be matched with \$13,984 in local non-federal funds.

The 20th Decennial Census 1980 is in full swing throughout the United States. Crawford County is one of the target areas around the nation slated for conventional enumeration wherein individual census takers visit each household to collect census forms.

The recently appointed 12 person Advisory Board has been at work about two months now, gathering information in order to shape its recommendation to the school board regarding the

Grayling Middle School, which was built in 1916.

The Middle School, suffering from age now as a result of 64 years of hard use and minimal remodeling expenditures, has been used for grades six through eight since the new high school was built in 1971.

An enthusiastic crowd greeted the official opening of the Grayling Country Club on Friday. About 90 people enjoyed the social hour. A light snow completely covered the course for the day but a bright sunny afternoon gave rise to speculation it would be thawed by Saturday.

A Reserve Deputy Program was recently reinstated by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. The contingent has 17 active members who will assist with various department functions including radio dispatch, jail, marine patrol, property protection and emergency assistance.

Members of the Reserves include Lawrence St. John, Clarence Hoesli, Harold Breckrow, Tom Latuszek, Howard VanDeWater, Gary Ginther, Jim Krause, Charles Stoddard, Clarence Burs, Charles Ryan, Rax Ann Adams, Ed Bassett, Dean Welsh, John Wilcox, Bill Holborn and Sheldon Stites.

State Aid Payment figures for school districts were released on March 27. Crawford AuSable Schools will receive \$80,691 in State Aid and will receive

\$15,000 under Title I.

### 46 Years Ago April 11, 1957

City Councilman Emil Giegling was named as the new Mayor of Grayling at an organizational meeting of the City Council.

Don K. Gothro was re-elected Mayor Pro Tem, and former Mayor Albert L. Roberts was elected as one of the members from the City of Grayling on the Board of Supervisors.

The Sophomore Class of Grayling High School and the Grayling Sportsmen's Club are sponsoring a trout contest to be held opening day of the fishing season. Prizes will be awarded in three divisions, junior, high school and adult.

Coaches Bruce Smith and Art Thayer are working with a Grayling Viking track squad, 42 members strong and preparing for a schedule of ten meets this spring.

Eleven lettermen are on the squad. They are Russ Ballinger, Don Campbell, Tom Hatley, Ron Kellogg, Jim LaGrow, Duke LaMotte, Dave Lowe, Bill Martin, Richard Moore, Don Roberts and Larry Yoder.

Now showing at the movie theatre is "Written on the Wind" with Rock Hudson and Lauren Bacall.

### 69 Years Ago April 12, 1934

"The Drums of Death" presented by the Junior Class last Friday, was of a different type than any attempted by the high school actors. The cast gave a notable performance and the entire class of 35 was congratulated.

Wild Geese have been seen going north. This should indicate the coming of warmer weather, which would be most welcome.

Esbern Hanson and John Bruun were in Detroit attending a meeting of the McClanahan Oil Company, of which both gentlemen are directors. Walter L. McClanahan, president of the company, lately purchased the beautiful Murray Lodge on the AuSable River.

Mr. Matthews, a member of Harbor Springs City Council, addressed members of the Grayling Council last Thursday on the matter of city management. He cited many reasons why Grayling should come under a city charter. The matter will be further investigated by the Council and it looks as though Grayling will soon be shucking out of its village habilitment and wearing the raiment of a full fledged city.

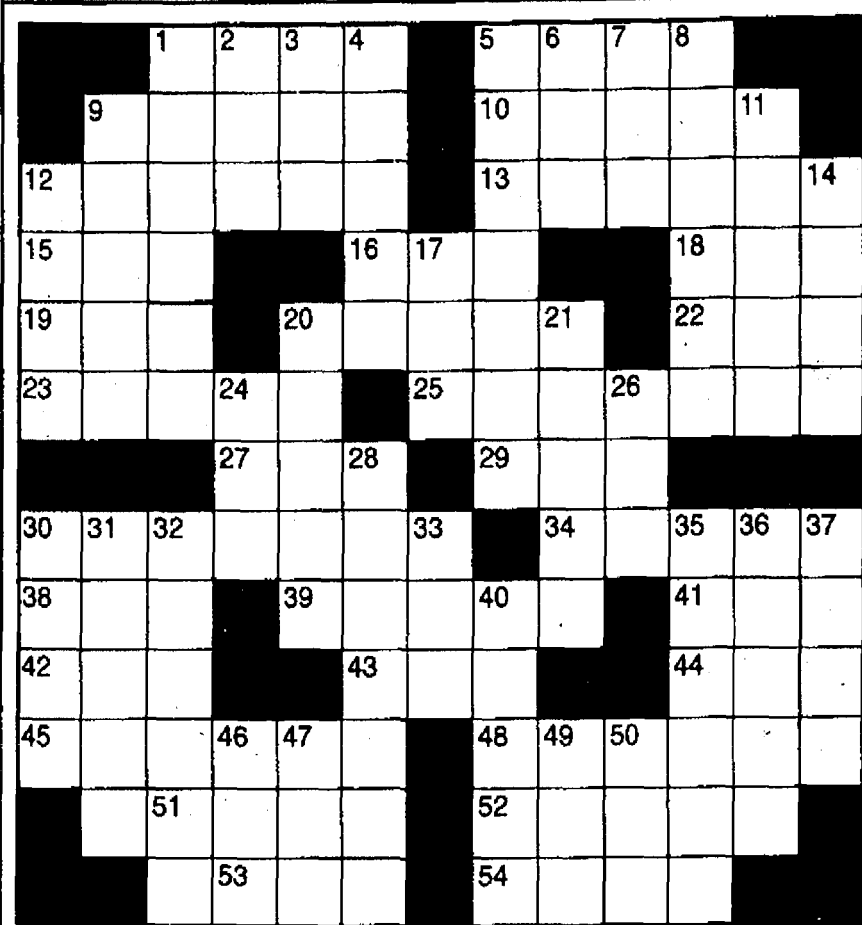
### 92 Years Ago April 13, 1911

The icy condition of the walks for two days last week was responsible for several of our citizens taking severe falls.

The Township Board, Highway Commissioner and citizens who are interested in highway improvements are having informal discussions on that subject which may result in much more permanent work than ever before.

George Leonard met with a serious accident last week by being struck by a lever on the log carriage in the big mill, cutting and bruising his face. The lever was thrown up in some way, striking and injuring him.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

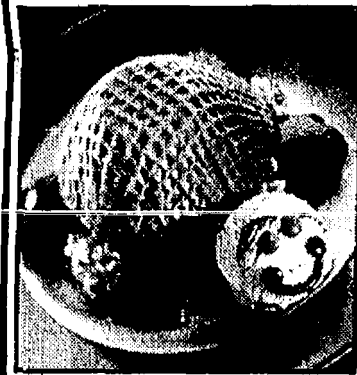
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- Edgy, slangily
- Spanish melodies
- Predestine
- String of pearls
- Hawaiian staple
- "... not what..."
- Oversized tart
- Stopover location
- Lauder of cosmetics
- "... To A Nightingale"
- Spurred (on)
- Brought into harmony
- Toothpullers' gp.
- Yat-sen
- Refusing to let in
- Prescribed doctrine
- Attorneys' org.
- Bonaparte, in Elba
- Maze marathoner
- Still
- Once... lifetime (2 wds.)
- Mamie's man
- Suffocate
- Pad
- Snub
- Promotes
- Actress Erin
- Energetic

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- Teasing harshly
- Mouths
- Aloha wreath
- Ferber and Purviance
- Wicker items
- Pierre's bed
- Be incorrect
- Combat instrument
- "Sorry, ... Number"
- Like Paul Lynde's humor
- Mayberry lad
- Property title
- R.R. depot
- Cantor or Fisher
- Piano exercise
- Shucked item
- Número
- Disquietude
- Prolonged howls
- Becomes an accomplice
- Appraising
- Whitney invention
- Like sandpaper
- Fabricates
- Egyptian god
- Wears well
- Pete's sake!
- Mauna
- Alley of the comics
- Parka's hood trim

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



4 (3 1/2-inch) waffle bowls  
5 cups Turtle Sundae Ice Cream  
16 chocolate Turtle candies  
Assorted candies, for facial features  
1 package (1.5 oz.) chocolate-covered crisp wafer stick candy

Form 4 scoops of ice cream and set aside. Fill each waffle bowl with remaining ice cream. Place each, ice cream side down, on an individual dessert plate.

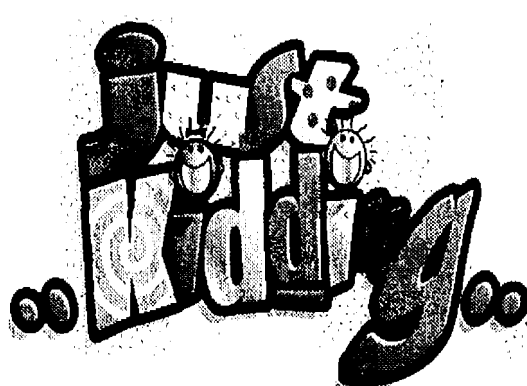
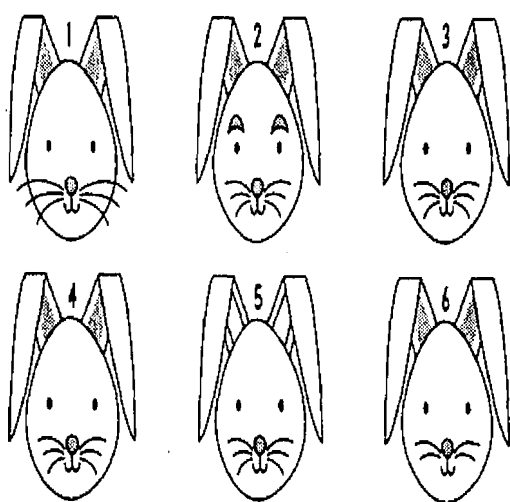
## Turtle Sundae

Place each of the 4 ice cream scoops (that were set aside) against each waffle bowl to form the turtle's head.

Arrange 4 Turtle candies, partially covered under the bottom of each waffle bowl, to form the turtle's legs. Press assorted candy pieces into the ice cream scoops to form the turtle's eyes and mouth. Place one chocolate wafer stick partially under the waffle bowl to form the turtle's tail. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## DID YOU KNOW

The earliest stopwatches were known as pulse watches. Made in the 1680's, they were used by doctors.

## SEEK AND FIND

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T A D W P L S A T Y  
E P F G I E H B U I  
R X L O G E R B I L  
W G O L D F I S H C

## Adopt a Pet



Jamie is a 5 month old Collie Shepherd puppy. He is neutered and vaccinated. He is a real nice, friendly pup. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-O-poly, and Wild Animal-O-poly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 10, 2003



December 22 - January 19

A close friend makes an offhand remark about one of your recent home improvements. Don't let it get to you. Your handiwork is excellent, and they're just jealous.



March 21 - April 19

The way you presented yourself at the last meeting impressed your boss. You will soon be rewarded. A friend seeks your advice.



June 22 - July 22

Happiness surrounds you. Take it all in—you never know when things might change. An elderly friend is about to repay a favor.



September 23 - October 22

A relative has been throwing their weight around. Harping about it to others isn't going to do you, or your family, any good. Be bold and put them in their place. They will thank you for it later.



January 20 - February 18

Admitting when you are wrong has never been easy, but this week, you'll become an expert at it. Don't worry—things will improve.



April 20 - May 20

A challenge will be presented to you at work. Deal with it quickly and efficiently, and a business associate will take notice and pass the good word on to your boss.



July 23 - August 22

You will have one success after another this week. There is nothing you can't do. A young relative has something important to discuss with you.



October 23 - November 21

As an important date draws near, you will receive a long-distance communication. Prepare yourself; it could be good news or bad.



November 19 - December 21

A coworker is going through a rough time. Be supportive. Work is starting to pile up at the office—don't be surprised if you have to put in overtime.



January 20 - February 18

A situation at home is about to take a turn for the better. Be grateful and watch what you say—you don't want to rock the boat.



March 21 - April 19

The time and effort you put into a recent home improvement project is about to pay off. Your home looks better than ever and you will soon start receiving compliments from the neighbors.



May 21 - June 21

You have a knack for looking at a situation from all sides, which will serve you well if you are called upon to arbitrate a family dispute. A surprise arrives in the mail.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

| Date | H  | L  | Rain | Snow |
|------|----|----|------|------|
| 4/2  | 55 | 32 |      |      |
| 4/3  | 63 | 24 |      |      |
| 4/4  | 25 | 21 | 3    |      |
| 4/5  | 22 | 18 | 4    |      |
| 4/6  | 23 | -3 | T    |      |
| 4/7  | 36 | -1 |      |      |
| 4/8  | 31 | 22 | 25   |      |

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday        | Saturday      | Sunday        | Monday                  |
|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
|           |          |               |               |               |                         |
| High 45   | High 54  | High 51       | High 47       | High 46       | High 55                 |
| Low 23    | Low 26   | Low 26        | Low 26        | Low 36        | Low 41                  |
| Sunny     | Sunny    | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Scattered T-Storms Wind |



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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY BUILT** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (-3-10-17-24/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground** Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**3 BEDROOM, 1 3/4 BATH** Two car garage, full basement, hardwood floors, landscaped and remodeled. \$87,500 Call (989) 348-1090 (-27-10-24/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP** Vacant lots for sale. 1/2 acre wooded, main road. \$13,900 each. Krausmann Realty. (248) 333-8888 (LR6/19/03/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**THE CLASSIFIED** - The perfect place to find that first home. (989) 348-6811

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE** 3,600 sq. ft. on I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. 200 ft. of frontage by 300 ft. deep. 600 sq. ft. of office/retail and 3,000 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse area. \$129,000. Ask for Jerry. (989) 275-5445 (-3-10/1)

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**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** ranch style home. 1,768 sq. ft. with attached breezeway and double car plus garage. Double plus lot in Karen Woods Subdivision just one mile from town off M-72 West in Grayling. \$128,900 (989) 348-2431 (-3-10-17-24/1)

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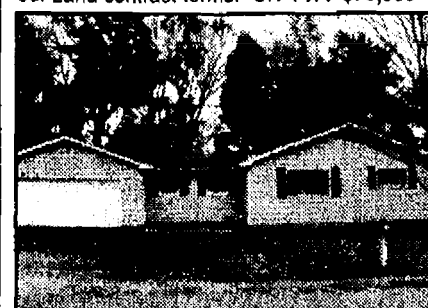


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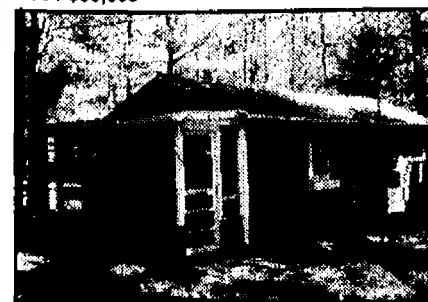
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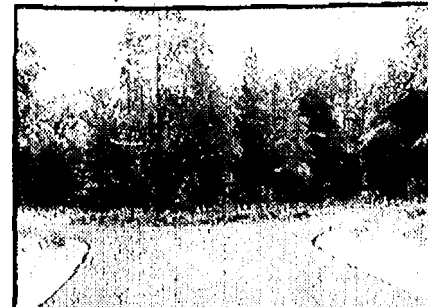
**REMODELED RANCH ON COUNTRY SETTING** with 30x36 barn. Renovations include new vinyl siding, electrical, windows and doors, kitchen cabinets, appliances, and carpeting. Other recent updates include gas forced air furnace, roof, hotwater heater. 341' Blacktop road frontage and 3.1 acres. Plenty of room for mini-farm yet conveniently located. Land contract terms. CH-1477 \$79,900



**CHARMING HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!** Great Home in Great Location. Only 1 mile from town! 1,300 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath, new carpet in family room & utility room, new ceiling & sliding glass door in living room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in bedrooms, very nicely decorated. 2-car garage, blacktop drive, electric pet fence, exterior painted in 2000 w/shutters. To include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Listed below Appraised Value. CH-1664 \$83,000



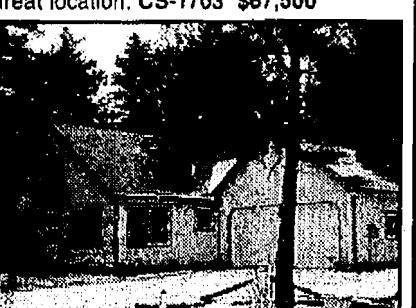
**ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS! PERFECT LOCATION FOR ALL SEASONS COTTAGE!** 12x24 One B/R cabin, bath with a path, storage shed, well, screen porch. Furniture included: table, 2 chairs, microwave, stove, refrigerator, 2 beds, love seat, and picnic table. CH-1416 \$25,900



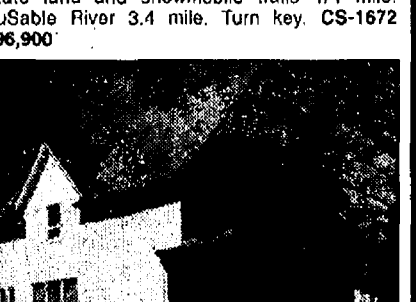
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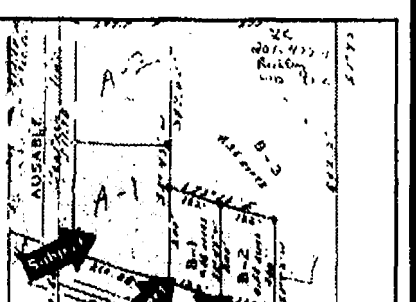
**BEAUTIFUL HOME IN THE CITY!** Immaculately well maintained home offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 1/2 car detached garage. Appliances include stove, refrigerator (new), and garbage disposal. Washer and dryer negotiable. New carpet, new furnace & hot water heater, new roof on house and garage. Concrete circle drive. Great location. CS-1703 \$67,500



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**VICTORIAN HOME WITH TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE!** 4 bedroom, 2 bath recently remodeled. New oak kitchen cabinets & appliances. Pergo floors. Formal dining area. Large living room with fireplace, full basement. 2 car garage on double city lot. CS-1311 \$169,000



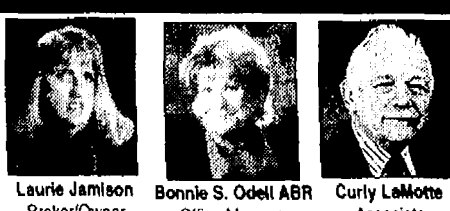
**505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST!** Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$132,000

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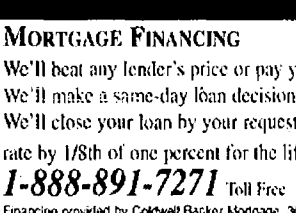
**Perfect Weekend Cabin!** Great 2BR, 1 bath weekend cabin. Large 24' x 32' garage with a 12' x 24' lean-to. Property adjoins state land to the East and West. Excellent area for snowmobiling. \$42,900 #223417



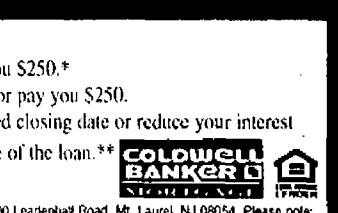
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# Springtime Drivers Take A Hard Hit As Potholes Strike Back

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Springtime brings with it the beautiful echo of birds chirping into the wind and the repetitive thump of car after car coming face to face with this season's driving challenge — potholes. The roads have just experienced several months of degenerative freezing and thawing cycles and now it's time for drivers to pay the price of poor pavement.

Potholes can "deflate" a car's performance in ways ranging from a misaligned front end to a complete tire blowout, and although there may not be a way to prevent these nasty "road defects" from forming on our city streets and highways, there are ways to reduce the potential damages motorists can cause to their tires.

"Regular tire maintenance and heightened driving awareness can dramatically affect the price driver's pay on tire and wheel repairs," Tom Griffing, Manager of Corporate Quality Assurance, Yokohama Tire Corporation. "It is always recommended that drivers adhere to a regular maintenance schedule and

stay cognizant of factors such as tire pressure and tread condition. It also doesn't hurt to stay focused on the road and obstacles ahead."

Most commonly, drivers are churning the pavement with underinflated tires, a condition inducing many driving downfalls. Underinflated tires, especially upon impact with potholes, risk damage to the wheel itself and even potentially a complete tire blowout.

On the converse, overinflated tires run risks of their own. An overinflated tire, upon impact, can cause structural damage to the tire itself.

"The most important thing to remember is that visually inspecting a tire is not enough," comments Griffing. "A tire pressure gauge is the only effective way to be sure proper inflation has been met."

Other indications that tires and alignment are in need of service include:

- Noticeable bends/dents in wheels
- Bumps protruding from the sidewall of the tire
- Recurring loss of air pressure

• Vibration in the wheel or in the feet and seat

• The car's front end wanders on a flat straight surface

This season, try to avoid potholes. If you can't, remember that the best solution is to brake before impact and then roll through the obstruction at a low speed. Braking during impact only increases the damage passed to the vehicle.

For more information on tire safety visit the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) at [www.rma.org](http://www.rma.org). This year's RMA sponsored tire safety week begins on April 27, 2003 and ends on May 3, 2003. The week is dedicated to educating drivers on the importance of tire safety and recommends that drivers have their tires checked once a month to ensure safer driving.

Staying aware of your vehicle's performance, and the driving conditions you are subjecting it to, is important to your safety. If you notice a change in the way your car is handling, see a tire service professional. Regular maintenance and preventive measures can significantly extend the life of your tires.

## The Deadly Effects Of Vehicle Neglect

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Might a severed brake hose lead to a murder conviction? Could be, if the damage was deliberate. No brake fluid, no brakes!

How about this: driving a vehicle whose braking system is known to be defective. Isn't that tempting fate? Definitely, says the Car Care Council,

who reports an alarming 18% of the vehicles failed the National Car Care Month check lanes because of low or contaminated brake fluid.

Discrepancies in vehicles checked during the annual event underscore the Council's message: Be Car Care Aware. Inspection forms tallied from around the country showed 74% with maintenance deficiencies. Worn windshield wipers and low engine oil topped the list, each with a 24% failure rate.

Automatic transmission fluid and inadequate antifreeze/coolant protection had failure rates of 16% and 15% respectively. 12% of vehicles had low tire pressure, reflecting motorists' lack of attention to this simple but important aspect of preventive maintenance. Not only does low tire pressure cause premature wear, it also wastes gas and accelerates tread wear.

"Safety-related discrepancies are our number one concern, with safe brakes and clear vision at issue in this case," noted Rich White, spokesman for the Council, which sponsors the April event. "Even an inexpensive item like windshield washer fluid, found low in 13% of

vehicles, potentially affects driving safety.

"Most people tell us they take corrective measures immediately when told about their vehicles' needs," he said. "But there are people who are unaware or, worse, the negligent owners who wait too long.

"The result can be catastrophic. For this reason, the most important function of the National Car Care Month campaign is the consumer information and reaction it generates.

"We can point out potential mechanical problems to only those motorists who come to our check lanes. On the other hand, we reach millions through information conveyed via the news media and through other educational means," he concludes. "Our objective is to prevent the maintenance neglect that's responsible for all too many vehicle accidents."

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign, providing information about the benefits of proper vehicle maintenance and repair. For more information visit [www.car-care.org](http://www.car-care.org).

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# Five Tips For Getting Out Of Car Trouble

(NUI) – Do you know what to do when your car sputters and finally dies?

This year, AAA expects to respond to approximately 28 million calls for road service from a membership of more than 45 million car owners. In addition, another 40 million calls for road service will be made this year by other car owners, AAA estimates.

To educate motorists on steps to take when car trouble occurs, a select group of tow truck operators recently recognized by AAA as "Highway Heroes" offers these tips:

- **Know before you go.** Make sure your vehicle is inspected and maintained by a qualified technician at least annually and before any long-distance trip.

- **Stay alert to your location at all times.** The ability to accurately describe where

your vehicle is, including the name or number of the road and an easily recognized landmark, is one of the keys to speedy rescue and recovery.

- **Beware of hazards to yourself and other drivers.** Turn on your vehicle's flashing emergency lights and get your vehicle as far off the road as safety permits. Watch out for oncoming traffic and use flares or reflecting emergency triangles to alert other drivers to the presence of your vehicle.

- **Know how to summon help safely.** A cellular telephone is a necessity for every motorist. The ability to quickly contact your motor club, law enforcement authorities or emergency medical personnel is critical to staying secure on the roadway.

- **Remain calm and keep a clear head.** The overwhelming majority of all road service sit-

uations are easily handled by professional drivers with the right equipment. AAA's tow truck operators pride themselves on providing quick and reliable member services.

AAA's Highway Heroes for 2002 are:

John Tannola, owner of Sunshine Automotive, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Carson Thompson, owner of Bluewater Towing in Sarnia, Ontario; Jeff Critchlow, owner of Jeff Critchlow Auto Body in Glenshaw, Pa.; Harry Baddon and Susan Katsumoto, owners of A & B Towing in Costa Mesa, Calif.; and Kevin Davis, owner of Davis Towing, Hyannis, Mass.

To learn more about what to do in case of an automobile breakdown, visit [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com).

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## Citizens & Vehicles Getting Older, Working Harder

(Spring/Summer 2003)

May 2003 is Older Americans Month, with the theme "What We Do Makes A Difference." Thanks in part to advancements in health care, our 65 and over population, presently at 13% of the total, will be 20% by 2030 (source Washington Post 7/31/02). Technology has worked wonders in extending the life of our vehicles, too. Median car life has nearly doubled since from 51/2 years in 1970 to more than 9 years in 2000.

"As a result of technology the quarter million mile vehicle no longer is a miracle," says Rich White of the Car Care Council. Engines and drive trains are superbly refined, as are fuels and lubricants. Equipment developments and the personnel training to go along with them have added to this formula for long life.

"Bodies hold up far better

inside and out, thanks to improvements in metallurgy, plastics, upholstery material, finishes and the processes for applying them. We're in the age of longer lasting vehicles, and longer periods of ownership."

The NADSA theme line "What We Do Makes A Difference" applies to our vehicles, too. We can abuse, misuse and neglect them and their lives on earth will be brief or, as in the case of millions of octogenarians, they can look and function well for decades.

"One thing that has not changed," emphasizes White, "is the importance of change itself...oil change. Probably no single aspect of car care bears more on the life of a vehicle than regular changes of the oil and filter. This procedure, generally recommended every 3,000 – 4,000 miles, includes lubrication of the critical wear

components.

"Also, having the vehicle on a lift provides an opportunity for a close-up look at parts that are seldom, if ever seen at any other time. Many a faulty safety component has been discovered during a routine lube job."

Advances in every aspect of technology have extended vehicle life far beyond the dreams of the automotive pioneers. But technology notwithstanding, without preventive care a vehicle still takes an early retirement. "This is why," concludes White, "we say Be Car Care Aware."

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## Comprehensive Pre-Trip Check-Up Can Pay Off

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Tow truck operators in resort areas or along Interstate highways see all too many travelers forced to return home ahead of schedule. Car trouble, usually due to neglected preventive maintenance, brings an abrupt end to vacation plans.

The situation usually means more than just a repair bill, says the Car Care Council. It can involve towing charges, lodging and possibly a rental car. Add to that the cost of extra phone calls, meals and general inconvenience, and the ordeal becomes expensive.

This scenario usually can be avoided with a pre-vacation

inspection performed by a qualified automotive technician. This "physical" for your automobile should address the following systems:

- Cooling
- Braking
- Emission control
- Steering/suspension
- Fuel
- Electrical and ignition


In addition, the tech should evaluate engine performance, tires/wheels, A.C./heater/defroster, instruments/gauges, windshield wipers, horns/lights/mirrors, seat belts and the car's body, inside and out.

Not only can a pre-trip inspection help reduce

chances of costly and possibly dangerous road trouble, it also provides an opportunity to have repairs made at home, with one's own technician who knows the vehicle.

Especially important, it provides peace of mind. While no inspection can guarantee a car's performance, it's comforting to know proper precautions were taken.

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## Tips For Saving Money On Auto Insurance

(NUI) – Policyholders have seen a rise in their auto insurance costs recently. In fact, the average cost of auto insurance is estimated to increase by 9 percent in 2003.

However, drivers can significantly reduce the cost of car insurance by taking advantage of discounts that many providers offer.

"Drivers looking for auto coverage may assume that

rates are similar among insurance providers, so they may not shop around for the best price," said Steven Paul, vice president at Insurance.com, an online insurance resource. "Buying a policy without researching it first, however, could be an expensive mistake."

Understanding the factors that impact auto insurance premiums can help savvy shoppers make better decisions and possibly save them money in the process. Insurance.com offers the following tips to help people learn more about their coverage and identify possible discounts:

- **Select coverage carefully.** Compare the book value of a car against its current premium combined with its deductible. While all drivers are required to carry enough liability insurance to meet their state's requirements, collision and comprehensive coverage is optional and may not be necessary or cost-effective for drivers with older cars. Another way to lower a premium is to select a higher deductible.

- **Consolidate.** Most providers offer multi-policy and multi-vehicle discounts. Combining car and homeowners insurance can save both time and money. Additional discounts may be available for people who have more than one vehicle insured

with the same provider.

- **Choose a highly rated model.** Agencies assign a rating to every car model based on historical collision, injury and theft claims, among other factors. The higher the rating, the more consumers can reduce their premiums.

- **Take preventative measures.** Many providers award discounts to customers who take steps to protect their cars from physical damage and theft by opting for antilock brakes, air bags, alarm systems and other security devices.

- **Drive carefully.** The more careful and experienced the driver, the less risk insurance providers take, therefore lowering the premium. Some insurance companies also offer discounts to policyholders who complete a defensive driving class.

- **Drive a friend to work.** Discounts can apply to carpool participants because each individual's car is at less risk than if they commuted separately. Commuter discounts also are available for car owners using public transportation because their vehicles will have lower annual mileage than if they drove to work each day.

To learn more about the factors that affect the price of insurance premiums, log on to [www.insurance.com](http://www.insurance.com).

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## Help The Environment, Follow These Auto Tips

(NUI) – Earth-protective alternative-fueled and hybrid vehicles are gaining market share but still account for a small percentage of vehicles on the road.

But motorists who want to "go green" in the meantime don't have to change vehicles to help the environment. Instead, they should change a few habits, according to the experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

ASE recommends two easy-to-implement strategies: regular vehicle maintenance and better driving habits. The following tips from ASE can put you on the road to environmentally conscious car care:

- **Keep the engine running at peak performance.** A misfiring spark plug can reduce fuel efficiency as much as 30 percent. Replace filters and fluids as recommended in the manual.

- **Take care of your tires.**

Keep them properly inflated and aligned to reduce the engine's effort and gasoline consumption.

- **Find a good technician.** Ask friends for recommendations. Check the reputation of the repair shop with your local consumer group. Check out the technicians' credentials. ASE-certified auto technicians have passed one or more national exams in specialties such as engine performance and air conditioning.

- **Have your vehicle's air conditioner serviced only by a technician certified to handle and recycle refrigerants.** Older air conditioners contain ozone-depleting chemicals which could be released into the atmosphere through improper service.

- **Conserve gasoline.** Avoid speeding and sudden acceleration; both habits guzzle gas. When waiting for friends or family, shut off the engine.

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# Ease Gas Pump Pains By Replacing Old Habits With New Ones

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Gas pump prices remain on their roller-coaster ride, with more ups than downs. They're hard on the budget and beyond consumers' control. With some changes in our daily habits, however, we can compensate, at least partially, for rising fuel costs. Adhering to your errand list, thereby eliminating an extra trip to the store for a forgotten item, saves miles and dollars. (U.S. Department of Transportation reports 63% of all trips are 5 miles or less.)

Beyond sensible trip planning and conservative driving, several conditions under the hood and around the car can be corrected to conserve gas. "Underinflated tires waste fuel," says Rich White, spokesman for the Car Care Council. "You can improve your gas mileage by about 3% just by maintaining proper tire pressure, a factor that's high on the failure rate in our National Car Care Month check lanes."

"Chalk up another 10% for a clogged air filter plus a conservative 4% for engine mal-

functions such as worn spark plugs and faulty fuel and emission control systems. Correcting these conditions can improve mileage by as much as 40%!"

Among other fuel wasters are dirty oil, a malfunctioning automatic transmission, and a cooling system thermostat that keeps the engine running cold. Engines are designed to operate within a specific temperature range for optimum efficiency.

Slow down! According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a vehicle loses about one percent in fuel economy for each one mile per hour driven above 55 m.p.h.

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A final consideration: according to the U.S.

Department of Energy, if 145 million passenger vehicles idle for five minutes a day, which is not unusual considering the numerous drive-in facilities throughout our nation, approximately four million gallons of gasoline are consumed. That's gas being wasted, going nowhere. Idling is sometimes necessary in traffic jams, but while waiting at drive-in windows, or to pick up a passenger it's more economical to cut the engine if the wait is longer than 30 seconds. Starting up your car again actually uses less gasoline.

"Breaking old habits doesn't come easily," concludes White. "Being car care aware, on the other hand, is a habit that should be easy to form. The incentives are there in dollars and cents."

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## Get The Most Out Of Your Car With Regular Care

(NUI) — At any time of year, it is very important to take proper care of your vehicle.

The following simple and inexpensive preventive checks will greatly extend the life of your vehicle, ensure safer operation, and benefit the environment:

- **Check all fluids.** This includes brake, power steering, transmission/transaxle fluids, windshield washer solvent and antifreeze.

- **Check your tires for proper inflation.** This should be done once per month. Underinflated tires can result in a loss of fuel efficiency and can pose a risk to the tire itself.

- **Lubricate the chassis.** This can extend the life of the vehicle's suspension system.

- **Check battery cables and**

**posts for corrosion.** The battery fluid also should be checked; add fluid if the level is low.

- **Make sure all lights are working properly.** Check the lighting system often, including brake and taillights, headlights, and turn signals.

- **Keep your engine tuned.** A fouled spark plug or restricted fuel injector can hinder fuel efficiency, increase emissions and cause problems when you drive.

- **Get your oil changed regularly.** Remember that top grade synthetic oils offer benefits that conventional oils cannot. For instance, Castrol Syntec protects the engine, reduces oil consumption, is resistant to oil thickening, and provides wear protection

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## Help The Environment, Follow These Auto Tips

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Consolidate daily errands to eliminate unnecessary driving.

- **Remove excess items from the vehicle.** Less weight means better mileage. After a trip, remove the luggage carrier from the roof of your car.

- **If you do your own repairs, properly dispose of engine fluids and batteries.** Call your local government to find out how. Some repair facilities also

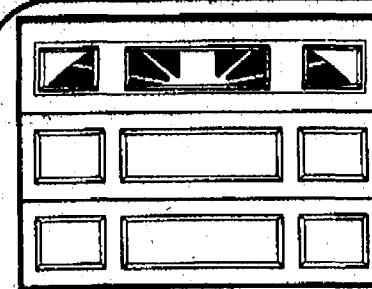
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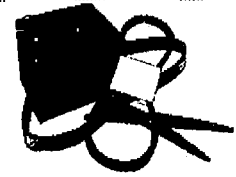
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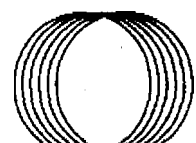
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## Get Your Car In Shape For Summer

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Now that winter is over, thoughts of fitting into your swimsuit and spring cleaning come to mind. Why not also tack onto that list the sprucing up of your car at a professional car wash? With all the snow, road salt and freezing rain from the last few months, winter has produced some harmful effects onto your car's finish and interior. And now there are the warm weather hazards to contend with.

### Warmer Climate Hazards

Just as winter road salt eats away at your car's finish, in warmer climates, acid rain, falling leaves, dead bugs and other airborne debris also erode the appearance of your car.

"Acid rain damage is caused when high concentrations of emissions from fossil-fuel burn-

ing engines or plants react with your car's paint to form sulfuric and nitric acids," explains Mark Thorsby, Executive Director of the International Carwash Association (ICA).

"The result of this process is the penetration and etching of clear coat finishes, of which the protective qualities will then eventually corrode, exposing the paint to many harmful elements. A car with bad acid rain damage could be significantly devalued at trade-in or resale time."

ICA is a non-profit trade organization representing more than 3,000 car wash owners who operate 12,000 individual car washes around the world.

The best prevention is to keep your car clean by frequenting a professional car wash at least once or twice a month, especially immediately following a rain fall. Even the lightest rain shower could cause irreparable acid rain damage to your vehicle's finish if not quickly professionally cleaned.

At the car wash have them apply a polymer-based or similar protective high-gloss wax to further protect the car's finish from such hazards as decaying bugs, bird dropping, tar oil and tree-sap.

### Get Rid of that Mud!

During spring and summer, a lot of rain can be expected — and therefore, mud seems to follow hand-in-hand. An overabundance of mud can cause major damage not only to your car's finish, but also the interior. Motorists tend to overlook the insides of their car, and they must keep in mind that if dirt and mud builds up on their carpet, upholstery or elsewhere, it will grind in and eventually may cause permanent damage. Regular cleaning and vacuuming inside will remove dirt, mud and dust before it affects the overall appearance of your car.

### Maintain and Retain Your Car's Value and Appearance

With all the new hazards facing your car from the warmer weather, there are also many other reasons to regularly professionally clean your vehicle.

According to the International Car Wash Association (ICA), regular professional washing and waxing will help maintain your car's appearance as well as retain the value of your car.

"Most car owners understand the value of changing motor oil regularly to protect the engine," states Thorsby, "but if they forget and instead choose to replace the engine, the car could still be as good as new. However, a car with oxidized paint and a rusted-out body can never be economically restored. The best prevention is regular washing and waxing at a professional car wash."

With more than 22,000 professional car washes around the world offering a wide range of

services to protect a car's finish from deteriorating and the body from rust, it's easy to keep your vehicle in great shape.

Some simple steps to maintain your car include:

- Visit an exterior-only tunnel wash to automatically provide applied protective waxes, undercarriage treatment and self-serve vacuums.

- Consider a detail job or custom polishing while at the wash for more extensive protection. Applying a premium polish and buffing it can restore the shine of your car.

- With regard to detailing, everything from vacuuming under rugs in the trunk to swabbing air conditioner vents can make a car look new in a matter of hours.

### A Quick Fix

If you are running short on time, but need your car professionally cleaned, try a self-serve car wash. They provide a variety of effective, self-cleaning services to pick and choose. For best results, follow the step-by-step instructions posted in the self-serve bay that call for starting with a pre-soak to loosen road grime. Next comes the high pressure soap wash. For gentle scrubbing, use the foaming brush next, followed by the fresh water rinse. Also remember to take advantage of the application of special tire and wheel cleaners. For maximum protection and shine, the wax application is a must. Finally, many self-serve washes offer a spot-free rinse. All the solutions are specially formulated to clean, protect and shine tough road dirt.

### The Environmental Benefits

Not only does regular professional car washing help you retain the value of your vehicle, it is also more environmentally beneficial than driveway washing.

According to Thorsby, "Professional car washes are gentler to auto finishes than the hose-and-bucket method, and the cleaning solutions we use are specially formulated for clearcoat and other new car finishes. Most car owners are surprised to learn that the sponges they use when washing their cars in the driveway hold sand and scratch the car's surface, while the cleaning material we use literally slips out of your fingers when wet."

Thorsby further explains, "And, as an added benefit to the environment, professional car washes use biodegradable cleaning solutions, far less water than at-home washes, and we dispose of the waste water according to strict federal and state environmental regulations. On the other hand, waste water run-off from driveway washing flows directly into storm sewers, which take it to lakes and streams, where it can harm fish

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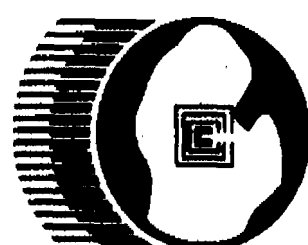
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and wildlife."

In addition, environmental authorities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are now strongly discouraging the practice of driveway washing. Particular attention is being focused on charity car washes held in parking lots and school yards where waste water isn't disposed of properly and can damage the environment.

## Rainy Day Tips

If your windshield wipers tend to smear rather than clear, heed the advice offered by ICA. Professional car washers and technicians know that wipers build up a thin layer of grime—especially after a dry spell. That grime keeps the rubber blade from contacting the glass, which results in smeared windshields and poor visibility.

ICA recommends the following solution: Keep blades clean by wiping them with a paper towel or cloth moistened with

rubbing alcohol; even water will do if alcohol is not available. If the wipers are hard to reach when at rest, turn the engine on, activate the wipers, then turn off the ignition; the blades will stop mid-windshield where you can reach them.

ICA also urges motorists to remember safety first. If you are caught in a rainstorm, pull off to a safe spot before attempting this quick fix. Best results are achieved when you replace wipers every four to six months.

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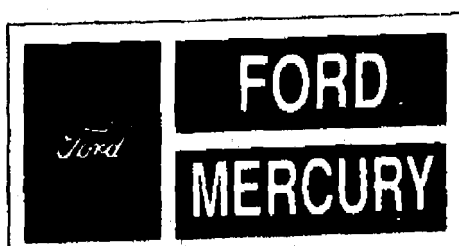
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## Find It In The Classifieds!

# Tire Care Cuts Tire Wear

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Looking for a way to occupy the kids on a vacation trip? Assign them the project of comparing odometer readings with highway mileage markers. A tenth of a mile or two difference in a ten mile stretch is not unusual. Oversized tires will cause your odometer to read low, as well as your speedometer.

(Caution: The tire size excuse may not hold water with the trooper who says you're going faster than your speedometer indicates.)

New tires, with full tread, make more revolutions per mile than do bald tires. What happens to all that rubber that's worn off millions of tires? It's accumulated in an

invisible pile alongside our nation's highways, says the Car Care Council. Some of this rubber was scrubbed off because the wheels are out of alignment. (Remember how you can wear out a pencil eraser with the back and forth motion on paper?)

Imagine a car, driven about 12,000 miles a year, going down the road with wheels misaligned by just 0.17 inches. The driver must constantly tug at the wheel to keep the car going straight. In effect, the tires are being dragged sideways for the equivalent of 68 miles over the course of a year. This condition, along with underinflation, increases rolling resistance. End result, tires are wasted away and fuel economy drops as your gas goes out the exhaust.

It's costly neglect. The solution: keep tires properly inflated and wheels aligned and balanced. As with so many services, wheel alignment has become a computerized business. Sophisticated equipment calculates the vehicle's measurements and compares this information with the original equipment specifications from

the vehicle manufacturer.

The technician then makes necessary adjustments and, if necessary, replaces worn components. Some front wheel drive cars have adjustable rear wheels, which also may need alignment.

How do you know if your tires are wearing too quickly or unevenly? Steering irregularities, such as pulling in one direction or wandering, indicate either one tire underinflated or wheels misaligned. Your alignment or tire expert can recognize and diagnose abnormal tread wear patterns, says the Council. Determining and correcting the cause of abnormal wear can save a lot of money and go a long way toward improving the handling of the vehicle.

And it cuts down on the amount of rubber you'll leave on the road.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign, providing information about the benefits of proper vehicle maintenance and repair. For more information visit [www.car-care.org](http://www.car-care.org).

## Rust: A Nasty Four-Letter Word

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Henry Ford told buyers of his Model T they could select any color as long as it's black. Today we see cars in any of 7,000 hues, including shades of rust that won't appear on color chips in new car literature.

"Serious rust damage, including a hole right through the metal, can begin with a minor scratch in a parking lot from a shopping cart," said Rich White of the Car Care Council. "Steel is strong and lasts a lifetime when it's protected, but when that protection is invaded, the metal is exposed to the elements. That's when rust begins its invasion."

Cover paint chips as quickly as possible, White recommends. For a quick fix until you can get some touchup supplies, dab a little clear nail polish on the scratch. Touchup paint can be found for virtually every vehicle ever built, including antiques. Use the paint code number shown on the identification plate located on a door jamb, in the glove box, under the hood, in the trunk under the carpet next to the spare or wherever else the car maker has hidden it. The owner's manual will tell you how to find it.

"Some uncommon colors will have to be ordered where

auto parts are sold or from the Internet. Also available are scratch repair kits including everything needed from preparation to finishing a deep scratch," White said.

Small dents can be fixed with paintless dent repair, a service found either through local automotive suppliers, the classified section of the phone book or on the Internet.


Like so many aspects of car care, preventive maintenance is much easier and beneficial than corrective measures. Maintaining the original integrity of the finish keeps the vehicle in "like new" condition. The basic rules of body and paint maintenance apply:

Avoid parking in the hot sun; it can damage interior surfaces as well as the exterior. Wash the vehicle frequently, including areas underneath, with mild, safe products. Select and use cleaners and waxes carefully. A cleaner that is effective for one type of finish could be disastrous for another. Consult the vehicle owner's manual to be sure.


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## Prom alcohol testing revisited

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

After hearing from the attorney for the Crawford AuSable School District, the board revisited the issue of mandatory preliminary breath testing at this year's prom on April 12.

Although other school districts have successfully used the mandatory testing, the board at a special meeting March 25, decided to follow their attorney's advice and use random testing.

This issue of testing for alcohol arose when staff concerns were voiced at the March school board meeting. Assistant high school principal Melissa Stone said there is a definite increase of alcohol use by teens when dances are held on Saturdays.

The staff was concerned about teens drinking and driving to and from the prom being held in Houghton Lake. They also wanted the prom to provide a positive memory for the students.

Because the prom is being held in Roscommon County, deputies of Roscommon County will have to administer the breath test.

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See "PROM ALCOHOL..."

## Brothers' bodies recovered

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two brothers, who disappeared and were presumed drowned in Houghton Lake following a snowmobile mishap on January 12, have now been confirmed dead by the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office.

Divers found the body of 27-year old Jody Sperry, of Houghton Lake, on March 11. That same day, the snowmobiles they were riding when they apparently encountered open waters, were pulled from the lake.

On Wednesday, April 2, the body of 24-year David Sperry, of Grayling, was recovered.

## City water users should turn water off

Earlier this year, the City of Grayling Water Department asked its customers to help keep underground water lines from freezing by keeping a steady, thin, stream of water running from one faucet in their home or business.

As of April 8, the city advises customers can now shut the water off as the spring thaw has begun.

## Current conflict brings back memories

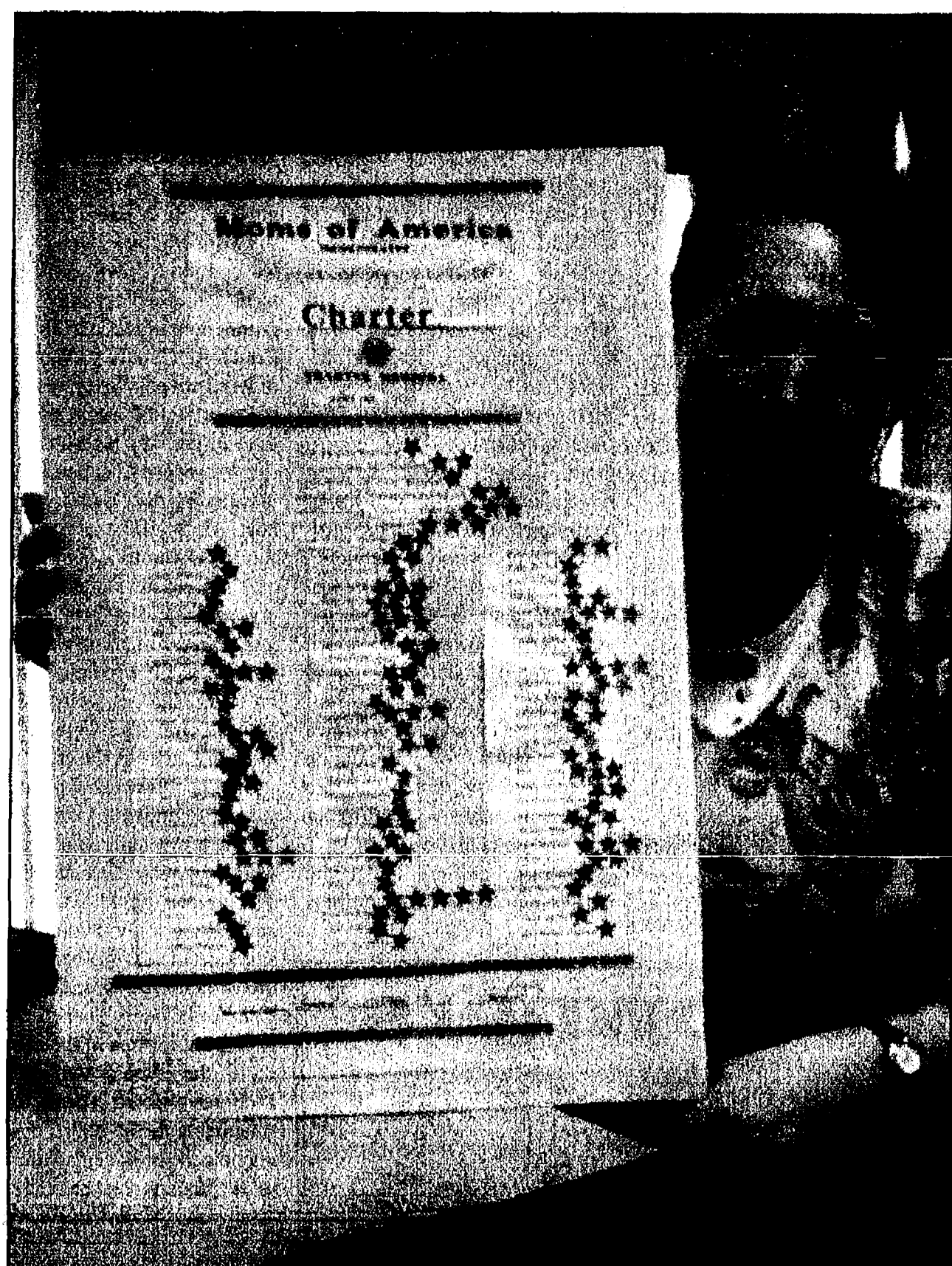


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

This charter member list of local unit #47 of Moms of America was recently recovered from storage at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Auxiliary member Jeri Selthoffer, who is currently coordinating an effort to distribute Blue Star Service Pins to the mothers of men and women serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, hopes to revive the chapter. For more, see "Current conflict..." on Page 3A.

## City, county consider land deal

► Developer hopes to buy county land and extend downtown

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Officials from the City of Grayling and Crawford County continue to discuss the possibility of relocating the county's courthouse and jail facilities to a piece of city property located adjacent to the new city hall building.

In February, the county approached the city about the possibility of purchasing 5-6 acres of land at the city hall building site. (The city is currently finishing up its new office building there, and getting ready to install a new city/township fire station at the location. The county is considering selling its river-front property/facility located at the south end of Michigan Avenue and constructing a new facility elsewhere.)

Originally, the city planned to use the extra land at its building site - currently about 5.5 acres, city officials have said - for park and recreation area. The city has not agreed to sell the county any of its spare land there, but the council has agreed to discuss the matter with the county.

At the request of the county,

the council agreed last week to schedule a special meeting so the council and county's building exploratory committee can discuss the possible land deal/relocation plan at length.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at the Crawford County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

Local businessman Bill Gannon, who has purchased the Fred Bear Archery property (located on M-72 West next to the county's property), has already expressed an interest in buying the courthouse property and developing it along with the Bear Archery land.

At last Monday's city council meeting, Gannon told the council his plans for both pieces of property.

Gannon said he has received a lot of telephone calls from people asking about his development, and said there is a lot of rumors circulating about what he is going to bring in - including one involving construction of a casino. Gannon said he has no plans to build a casino at the site.

"There isn't going to be any casino, as far as I know," he said.

Gannon said there will be a bank, "a major restaurant," an assisted living facility for seniors, and a pub/pizzeria (with a portion of it geared towards

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See "CITY, COUNTY..."

## Once snow cover melts, burning permits required

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service reminds northern Michigan residents and visitors that state law requires a burning permit any time the ground is not snow covered. Calling for a burn permit before doing any outdoor burning is the best way to get up-to-date fire danger information.

With spring officially here, wildfire prevention should be of top priority in the minds of all who live in or near, work in, or visit our local forestlands. Wildfire danger begins to mount as the snow melts, especially in areas of Jack Pines. The needles they shed, combined with dead leaves and brush, are highly flammable and it doesn't take much of a spark or flame to ignite them, possibly causing a forest fire.

Burning permits are issued only for burning leaves, brush or stumps; burning of all other materials is prohibited. Burning permits may be restricted or not issued at all, depending upon local weather conditions. Burning is not allowed within the city limits of Grayling.

Permits can be obtained from the USDA Forest Service or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Crawford County by calling (989) 344-2628.

The USDA Forest Service offers the following safety pre-

cautions for any outdoor burning:

- Never leave a campfire or debris fire unattended, even for a moment.

- Have water available in case your fire begins to escape. If your fire does escape, call for help immediately.

- Always be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving if unattended. Improperly extinguished fires are one of the leading causes of wildfires. They also are a major cause of burns among children. Hundreds of children are burned each year when they fall into or walk over an improperly extinguished fire.

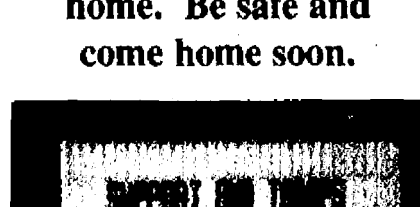
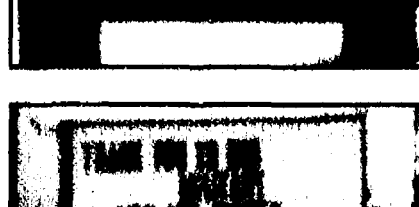
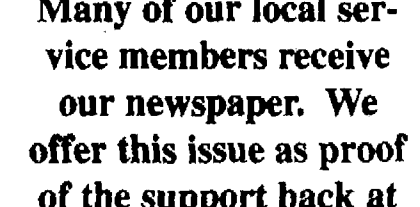
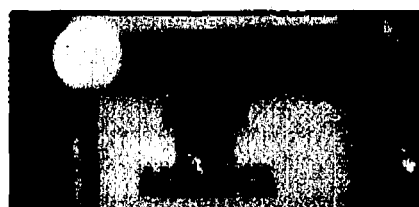
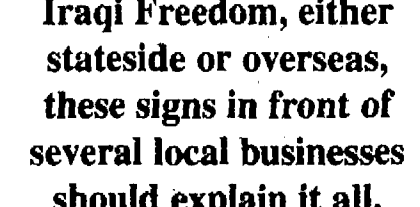
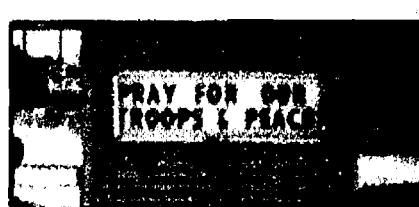
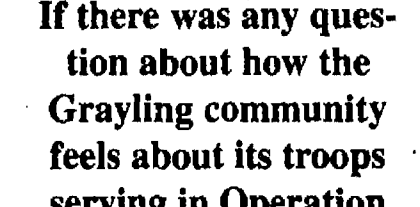
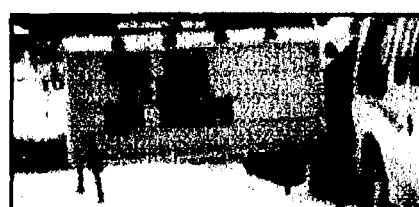
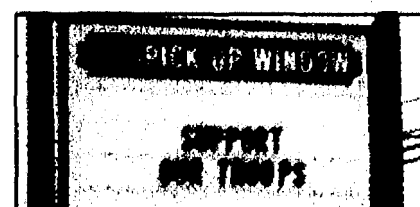
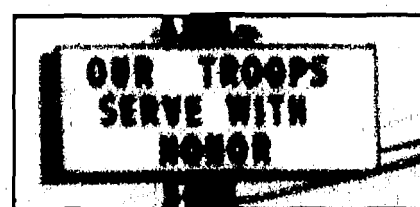
- Drown your fire with plenty of water. Wet everything thoroughly, especially the undersides of unburned pieces. Stir the ashes to find any hot spots (you'll see and hear steam escape when you find one), and wet everything again with more water.

- Do not simply bury your fire with soil. In most cases, this will not extinguish the fire, and it will not protect children against being burned if they fall or walk on it.

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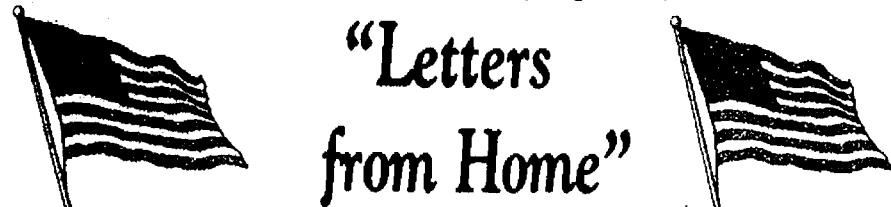
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## Advocate serves variety of crime victims

### ► National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 6-12

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

In 1984, the federal Victims of Crime Act was signed into law, beginning the long road to recognizing the needs of crime victims across the country. In Crawford County, the Victims Rights Office is working hard to see that promise is fulfilled.

Victims' Rights Advocate Sharon Huss said she is striving to prevent the victims of crime from being victimized twice.

"We try to make them as comfortable as possible during court proceedings," she explained. "But, we presently fall short on all counts."

Huss said it is difficult to keep the victims of crime or witnesses separated from the defendant, the defendant's family and friends, attorneys and the jury. "Just entering the courthouse itself presents a problem of security," she said. "Children and the elderly are the most affected by our lack of space."

Huss' small office is located next to the Prosecutor's office and cannot accommodate more than a few people at a time. The office serves as a safe haven for victims and witnesses as they await court proceedings or to give testimony.

Like her counterparts throughout the country, Huss' office received a grant this year in recognition of National Crime

Victims' Rights Week, April 6-12. This year's grant is for \$400 and Huss said the money has been used to establish a fund to remodel a storage area of the courthouse for use as a victim/witness room. "It's a small step on a long path," Huss said. "Hopefully others in the community will be encouraged to join us in embracing the cause of victims' rights and services by making a contribution."

Huss' position is funded by state and federal funding, not from county funds. Because there is no such thing as a victimless crime, those criminals convicted in circuit court are assessed a \$60 fine paid to the federal Crime Victims Fund.

The Crime Victims Fund was created for the collection of federal criminal fines, forfeitures, special assessments, and other penalties. The money provides victims' services offices with some of the resources needed to sustain, enhance, and expand services.

Huss recently used some of her funding earmarked for equipment to purchase a witness screen for use during courtroom testimony. The screen has provided the protection of the victim or witness from having to look at the defendant or others in the courtroom. However, the screen allows the defendant the right to see his or her accuser.

Huss said the screen cuts down on the amount of intimidation experienced by those who are most vulnerable -- victims of rape and child abuse.

Some people are under the impression that a crime victim is

the only one who has been affected physically, such as an assault victim. But, she said, with every crime there is a victim or victims.

A recent case where three young men went on a crime spree breaking into vending machines in three counties may have seemed on the surface to be a victimless crime. After all, they were only machines. But most of those machines belong to the Michigan Commission for the Blind.

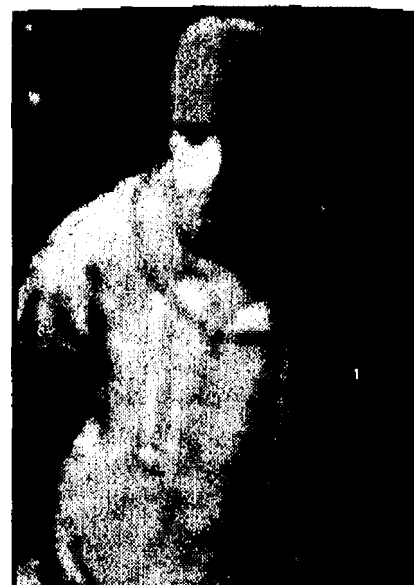
Each machine is stocked and maintained by a person who is legally blind, thus allowing gainful employment for many people in Michigan. Huss spent time with the Commission's field supervisor for this area, John McEntee, counseling him and helping him through the court process. He is also blind.

Two of the teens, from Roscommon, pled guilty and were sentenced recently for the crimes committed last fall here in Crawford County. They were ordered to pay hefty restitution of over \$9,000 each and spent time in jail. As a result of their spree, security cameras were installed by the Commission, at a cost of \$4,500, to catch any future perpetrators.

A half an hour after one camera was turned on in late December, a break-in was caught on tape at the Frederic rest area on I-75. Charges are pending in 46th Circuit Trial Court on two Grayling teens in the case.

The vending machine crimes stopped completely until March 16 when two more young people were caught by the same security camera busting into a machine and taking only about \$10 in snacks, but leaving behind hundreds of dollars in damage. The Crawford County Sheriff's office is looking for tips in the case.

At the men's sentencings, McEntee offered victim impact statements to the court, explaining how the broken machines had to be repaired over and over again. He said one local man and



The above photos are still shots from a security camera at the Frederic rest stop on I-75. These two young men were caught on tape in the early morning hours of March 16 breaking into a vending machine. If you recognize either one of these suspects, call the Crawford County Sheriff's Tip Line at 348-4616, ext. 228 or e-mail tips@crawfordsheriff.org. All tips will remain confidential.

his family lost 50 percent of their normal income due to the damage and loss of sales.

For more information about Crawford County Victims' Rights services, call Huss at (989) 344-3246, e-mail her at victimrights@hotmail.com, or log on to: www.crawfordco.org/victim/victimrights.html.

## City, county consider land deal

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kids) at the Bear Archery site.

If he is able to purchase the county land, Gannon said he plans to work with the Michigan Economic Development Council to bring about a continuation of

Michigan Avenue, extending it through his development and linking it with M-72 West.

"Those are my plans," Gannon said. "I would love to see the synergy of downtown continued through to 72."

## Prom alcohol testing revisited

Continued from Page 1A

When contacted Tuesday, April 8, Roscommon County Sheriff Francis Staley said no one had contacted him regarding the prom. He said there were no plans to have any deputies at the prom to administer breath tests.

No administrator or school board member was available for comment.

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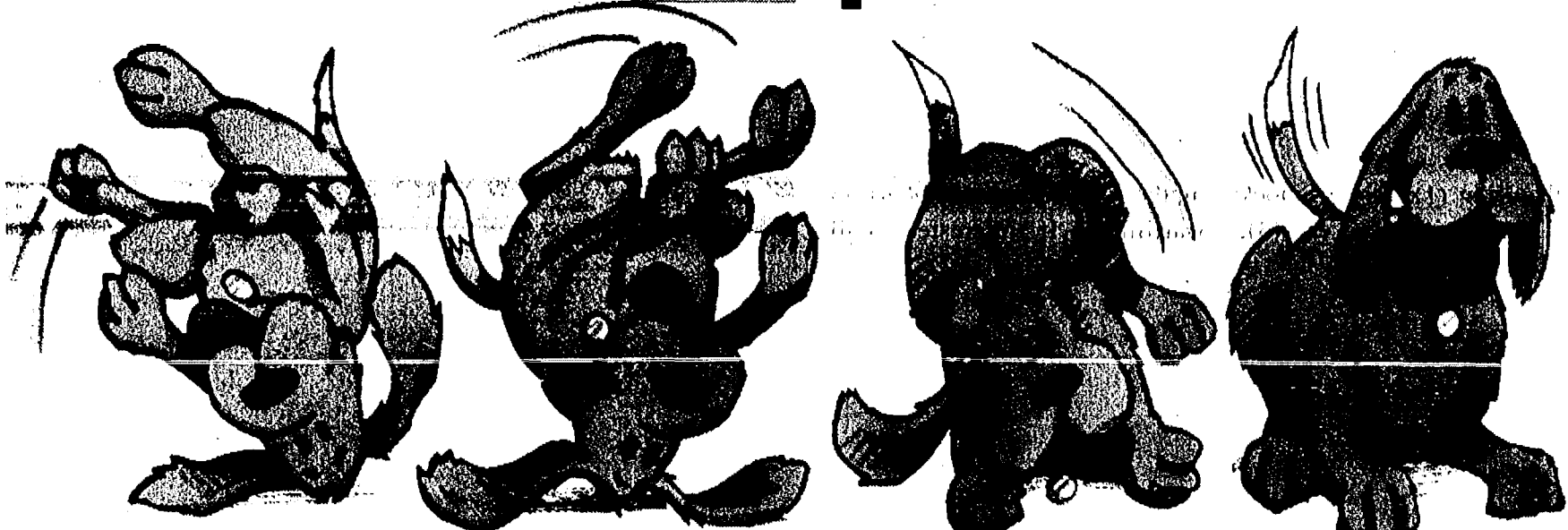
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## More than 200 flags to get proper retirement

► American Legion's ceremony to be held on Flag Day (June 14)

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

In late January, the *Avalanche* told you about a very special collection box located outside the Crawford County Historic Museum in Grayling. That box — painted red, white and blue — serves as a drop off point for old American flags — those that have proudly served their duty and are ready for retirement.

The project to collect old flags and educate the public about replacement of worn, tattered, and faded flags was initiated by Grayling resident Jim Carmean. Driving his daily route through Crawford County as a Dial-A-Ride bus driver caused him to discover many, many flags that have seen better days and, according to proper flag eti-

quette, should be replaced.

Last week, Carmean, with the help of his wife, Donna, counted 211 flags deposited so far. The flags came in all sizes -- from those wind-shipped car antennae decorations to full-size flags properly folded triangularly and placed in brown paper bags.

"This is a great response to the article," Carmean said, "but there are still way too many flags out there that need to be replaced. It's a matter of honor. There is nothing honorable about a flag that's falling apart or missing its stars or stripes."

Carmean encourages everyone to take a look at their flags and replace them if needed. Old flags should be folded and placed in a brown paper bag before depositing into the collection box.

On June 14, Flag Day, the flags will be burned honorably in a ceremony hosted by the American Legion. New flags can be purchased through the Legion at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

On a mission to bring awareness to the condition of American flags flying locally, Jim Carmean had a collection box for old flags placed at the Crawford County Historic Museum.

## Current conflict brings back memories

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Not much information is available regarding an organization called "Moms of America Incorporated -- Mothers of Men in Service" reported to have been first established in 1941 in Flint.

With no small town left untouched by tearful good-byes, Grayling also established a charter group in 1944 -- Unit No. 47 -- to not only honor the mothers whose sons were called to duty in World War II, but to also offer a source of support and comfort to those mothers.

American Legion Post #106 Ladies' Auxiliary member Jeri Selthoffer said another member, Yelive Skotnicki, recently brought out of mothballs a framed listing of local mothers. Beside each mother's name is a blue star or stars, the number indicating how many sons she had serving. A gold star indicat-

ed a son killed in action.

The following is a list of Unit No. 47 Moms of America - Mothers of Men in Service and their corresponding stars:

Officers: Velma Deckrow, President (1); Edna Feldhauser, Vice President (2); Bonnie Wakely, Recording Secretary (1); Fern Feldhauser, Corresponding Secretary (2); Lucille Thompson, Financial Secretary (3); Gertrude Hatfield, Treasurer (3); Laura McLeod, Chaplain (2).

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Corwin (1); Minnie Borchers (1); Ida Anthony (4); Catherine Deckrow (1 blue, 1 gold); Zelpha Epley (1 blue, 1 gold); Leone Kraus (2); Mabel Martin (1); Maggie Charlo (1 gold star); Rose Enyart (2); Emma Lovely (3); Ethel Fairbottom (2); Francelia Hanson (1); Ann Failing (2); Hattie Post (1); Ruth Stephan (3); Nelda Ballard (2); Hulda McGuire (1); Mae Gierkie (1); Jeanne Babbitt (1); Mabel Wells (1); Antoinette Jensen (1). With over 250,000 American military men and women fighting for the liberation of the people of Iraq, including some from Grayling, Selthoffer thought sharing the list of charter members, dated September 24, 1944, might spark interest in reviving the tradition of honoring the mothers of service members in wartime. If interested, call Selthoffer at 344-2129.

## It's time again for breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Hey, kids... Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and egg hunts at Hanson Hills, in Grayling Township, on Saturday, April 19.

On the menu will be scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and juice, or biscuits and gravy with eggs, sausage and juice. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost of the meal will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

During breakfast, GRA will raffle off Easter baskets filled with candy and toys, a basket with a complete Easter dinner (compliments of the Grayling Country Club), as well as a skateboard (donated by Boards and Beyond Skate Shop).

At this time, children may also have their pictures taken with the

Easter Bunny.

Following breakfast, Easter games will be played with the Easter Bunny's helpers at the Fred Bear Memorial Center, located at Hanson Hills.

At approximately 11 a.m., GRA will begin the egg hunts. "Our goal is to have enough eggs for every child," said GRA Director Cindy Olson. "Children will be separated into age groups for the egg hunts and we ask parents to help supervise."

Anyone who would like to volunteer, or make a donation for this special event, is encouraged to contact the GRA at (989) 348-9266.

For more information about this and other events hosted by GRA, log on to: [www.hanson-hills.org](http://www.hanson-hills.org).

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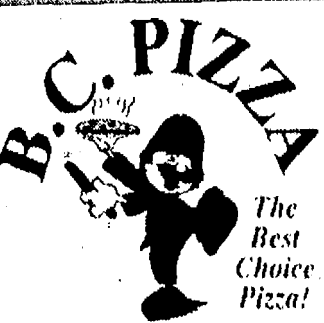
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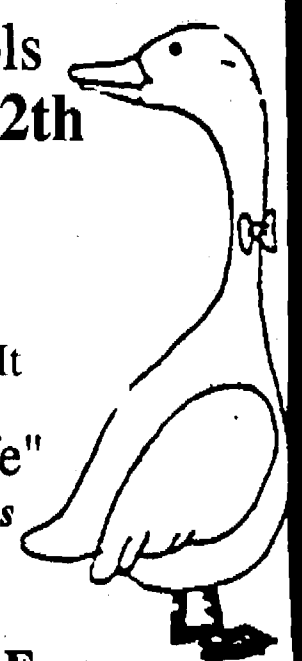
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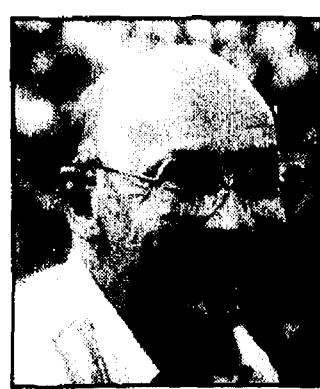
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Big surplus turned into big deficit in short order

**SORTING THROUGH** newspaper clips about recent public affairs, I came across one headlined: "Clinton projects \$1.9 trillion surplus." It was an Associated Press article dated Dec. 29, 2000.

In another batch was another news story headlined: "Budget office predicts \$1 trillion in deficits." It was a *New York Times* article dated March 26, 2003.

What's going on here?

Time and context are important in comparing the two items.

The Clinton surplus story appeared just weeks before George W. Bush became president. The story was sort of a roundup story on how well President Clinton had tidied up financial matters as he left office. It cited no sources except Mr. Clinton.

The deficit story citing estimates from the Congressional Budget Office was printed about 27 months after Mr. Bush became president, and just after the military action in Iraq got underway.

The surface conclusion is easy. It appears President Clinton was a tight

fisted budget genius and President Bush is a know-nothing spendthrift.

Neither is completely true, of course. Events, as well as policies, have played a decisive role in the switcheroo.

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**THE CLINTON SURPLUS** was predicted to occur over the ensuing nine years, while the Bush deficit was forecast over the next five years.

Theoretically both predictions could end up being true, but it's not likely.

The surplus forecast two years ago was based on the assumption there would be no federal tax cuts. There have been, of course, and Mr. Bush is pushing for even more tax cuts.

The report on the projected deficit also left possible federal tax cuts out of its equation, contending that any benefit to the economy brought by tax cuts would be offset by spending increases within the budget.

The Bush tax cuts, in both 2001 and again for 2003, have been proposed partly as a stimulus to the economy .... a way to get things moving on the home

front. The Congressional Budget Office report seems to indicate it doesn't work that way.

But why did a projected surplus of \$1.9 trillion over nine years turn into a \$1 trillion deficit over five years in about two years?

Much of the slide can be blamed on events beyond the control of the White House or whoever occupies it .... just as much of the surplus can be credited to market conditions rather than Mr. Clinton's political decisions.

The 9-11 terrorist attack, corporation scandals scuttling businesses and unearthed after being hidden for years, diminished consumer and investor confidence due to both factors, and all topped by wars in Afghanistan and now Iraq .... all these have contributed in a domino effect to falling federal surpluses and growing federal deficits.

Tax cuts, which looked good in the days of a trillion dollar surplus, don't look nearly as good in the days of a trillion dollar deficit.

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**THE PICTURE REPEATS** in state after state, including Michigan.

In Republican John Engler's waning years as governor, Michigan had plenty of money to run its state operations. Mr. Engler was inventive in ways to spend it, too, including college scholarships, higher aid to local government and schools, and, of course, tax cuts, almost every year of his 12 year reign and some taking effect years after he's gone.

Future federal tax cuts also have been adopted under President Bush.

Tax cuts may have looked good then, but not so good now.

Hard reality is that neither state nor federal government can afford tax cuts now.

Those that were promised should be wiped out before they take effect.

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**SOONER OR LATER**, decision makers in the states and the federal government must face the reality that governments need more money, and it will have to come from higher taxes, as well as spending cuts.

Local governments -- schools, police and fire protection, roads, sewers and other local services that reach directly into the homes of people -- increasingly depend on state and federal governments for their well being.

In essence, state and federal governments have pre-empted most available sources for taxes, so when the big governments hurt for resources, small governments suffer, too.

It seems as if every politician in federal, state and local office in winning election has vowed not to raise taxes. They all want to keep that pledge.

Someday, someone somewhere in public office will have to stand up and say: We need more money. We must raise taxes. It's inevitable.

That man or woman will perform a great public service, and will represent a profile in courage .... and probably will lose the next election.

But some day soon, it will happen.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## PTO offers many activities for the whole family

To the editor,

This letter is in response to the comments submitted by the Randall family in the March 27 issue (of the *Avalanche*).

It seems it's easier to criticize the work done by others than it is to be a part of the planning. As a past president of the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), I felt compelled to reply and defend that group.

This small group of volunteers work very hard on a variety of projects throughout the school year. I'm sure it was not their intention to exclude people, as you suggested.

With all of the family nights

and activities planned throughout the year, it seems they would be able to offer an activity like this dance without feeling that they are discriminating against anyone.

I would like to add that on the paper that went home, there was a section that could be filled out if a mom (or dad) needed an escort for their daughter. (For the record, they were all school employees including teachers and the school resource officer.)

I also want to say if you felt this strongly about attending the dance, I'm sure your help would have been greatly appreciated.

With the closing of the Frederick school, the parents who volunteer at each school are working toward becoming one group that supports the students and will continue to offer activities to students, and their families, in a variety of ways. I'm sure they would welcome any newcomers who would like to be a part of that group.

P.S. The PTO meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Grayling Elementary School, as indicated in the school calendar.

Kimberly Wejrowski  
Grayling

## 'Slumlords' should be made accountable

To the editor,

We always hear landlords complain about their tenants. Well, I think it's time to complain about our "slumlords."

How about those of us who have faithfully paid our rent for years, but the landlord refuses to keep up the property? The house I live in has holes in the ceiling,

it leaks, the sink doesn't work, etc.

So, because I live on a fixed income and can't afford to pay more rent somewhere else, am I supposed to sit back and live in deplorable housing conditions? The landlord has no problem taking my rent money every month. I think it's time for myself and

other tenants in similar circumstances to stand up and say, "No more!"

If there is an attorney interested in justice and helping us, please contact me through the newspaper.

Jennie Macfarlane  
Grayling

## America should 'avoid mistakes' with Muslims

To the editor,

As some members of the Crawford County Committee for Peace, we would like to answer some of the points made by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners who have patronizingly suggested that pre-war marches were somehow "supportive" of terrorism and that we wish to "keep silent" about the dangers of Islamic Jihad.

How does it "support" terrorism by politely requesting that we attack the real terrorists, Al Qaeda, instead of letting ourselves get bogged down in the sideshow of Saddam Hussein? And, secondly, what is unpatriotic about standing up for American values and ideals?

One of our American values is justice. Al Qaeda attacked us. You didn't see us marching down Michigan Avenue when the U.S.A. went after Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Our concern is that Saddam Hussein has been set up as a whipping boy to take Al Qaeda's punishment, and in the process we are killing Iraqi civilians who have nothing to do with terrorism, whose only crime was to be born in Iraq.

Another American ideal is compassion. Our hearts go out to our America servicemen and women, and to their families who can only wait at home. Our reaction to that prospect was to suggest, "If diplomacy and talk and international cooperation could

accomplish our goals, why not use them? Why send our people into harm's way if we can use other methods?" Is that unpatriotic?

And, if we feel sorry for terrified Iraqi children and families, is that "un-American?"

America's greatest gift to the world was the vision of democracy. We demonstrated it on the national level and inspired other nations to emulate us. Internationally, we spearheaded the United Nations (U.N.) on the basis that international diplomacy, talk, cooperation and agreement were the only ways to save the world from continued aggression and the horrors of nuclear annihilation. We feel it was profoundly undemocratic to first try to coerce the other nation's votes in the Security Council, and then when it looked as if we'd be outvoted, ignore the U.N. and charge off into Iraq anyway. Let's stand up for democratic procedures.

The Commissioners have asked us to remember a number of atrocities, from the downing of Pan Am flight 103 to the World Trade Center (WTC) attacks. We remember them. We remember that various groups from Al Qaeda to Hizbollah did them. We remember Saddam Hussein was never conclusively linked to any of them. Even our own administration has been backing off that one. We're now told we're attacking Iraq for their own good.

Yes, we remember the WTC attacks with sorrow and grief. But remembering atrocities committed against us doesn't give us an excuse to forget our mistakes. Various people have tried to point out that America has done things that have caused the Muslim world to be angry at us. Those people have usually been called "un-American" for their pains. We wonder if it's un-American to acknowledge our own actions, and try to avoid mistakes in the future?

We think the people who pushed our President into war are the ones who don't see the point. The arrest of Al Qaeda mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammad shows us how the war on terror should be fought -- by patient, quiet information gathering, by intelligence sharing, and by building bridges with allies in the Muslim world so that they will cooperate with us, not by alienating friends and bringing our own ideals into question.

Right now the war is raging, hearts are being broken. We weep for our fallen ones and pray for a swift conclusion. We hope the Commissioners do not find this too "un-patriotic."

Mary Beth Brady  
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**Community Briefs** items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

**News items and letters** should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

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paper use every other line.

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The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.



# BRIEFS

## COA plans 30th anniversary party

The Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling, invites the public to its 30th Anniversary Party on Thursday, April 10, beginning at 5 p.m. with a roast beef dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and a 50/50 raffle will be held. State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland) is expected to attend. For more information, call the COA at 348-7123.

## Weekly prayer for peace scheduled

Beginning Tuesday, April 15, and every Tuesday thereafter, Mercy Hospital Grayling will host an intercessory prayer time for the community. It will be a time of praying for peace, our troops, and reconciliation and healing for the world. The prayer will take place in the hospital's chapel from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## ABWA next meeting in Frederic

The local ABWA (American Business Women's Association) will meet Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Frederic Inn. To RSVP, call Carol at 348-9310. The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse backgrounds and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

## Investment firm offers free seminar

"Deja Vu" is the name of an upcoming seminar to be co-hosted by investment representative, Kurt Loll, of the financial services firm of Edward Jones, and John Guyet of Lord Abbett. The event will be held at the Days Inn of Grayling on Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m., and is free to the public. Call 348-6964 to register.

## Be an Alpine Sweet Potato Queen

The Elks Lodge, located at 116 Grandview in Gaylord, will be selecting three to five Alpine Sweet Potato Queens and several wannabees on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For those who do not know what a "Sweet Potato Queen" is should log on to [www.sweetpotatoqueen.com](http://www.sweetpotatoqueen.com). Ladies who are at least 45 years old and have a sense of humor and a personality are welcome to enter the contest to be judged by local Spud Studs. Dressing appropriately for the contest is preferred. For more information, call Bonnie at (989) 786-4570.

## Singles invited to dance at Michawye

Alpine Singles will host a singles dance at Michawye on Saturday, April 12, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The D.J. will be Larry Riechert Company. Admission is \$6 at the door to cover costs. Michawye is located on Opal Lake Road (off South Old 27 to Charles Brink Road to Opal Lake Road). Watch for Alpine Singles signs. Alpine Singles are singles in northern Michigan who get together to dance, socialize and have fun. Ages are 45 and above, but are all young at heart with a great sense of humor. So, come out and meet someone new or just have fun. For more information, call Bonnie at (989) 786-4570.

## Lady Eagles to host Feather Party

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465 will be having an Easter Feather Party Bingo on Sunday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Huron Street (M-72, east of town). A cash jackpot of \$300 will be up for grabs, as well as the chance to win a ham, baskets, and other goodies. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

## GHS Class of 93 plans 10 year reunion

The Grayling High School Class of 1993 is currently planning its 10 year reunion, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 5 at the Grayling Country Club. All family members and friends of the GHS Class of 1993 are encouraged to help by notifying these people that the reunion committee is looking for them. Contact Jeff Welke at (406) 222-5902 or by e-mail to [jwelke14@hotmail.com](mailto:jwelke14@hotmail.com). Class members should also join the class list at [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com) to facilitate easy correspondence. More details will follow once everyone has been located and plans are finalized.

## Band Boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held this Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

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## Teams, sponsors needed for 2003 Relay for Life

The Crawford County Relay for Life Sponsor Program is looking for teams and sponsors for its annual walk-athon type event, scheduled for June 27-28, to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Cancer has touched the lives of far too many people. For some, cancer has become the face of a family member, a friend, or business associate. That is why the local Relay chapter is asking again for support from the community in the fight against this disease.

There are many ways to support the event: form a team, volunteer to work on a committee,

or donate an item to be auctioned off, with all the proceeds going to the cause.

The sponsorship program is another way to contribute. There are four different plans to fit any budget. Sponsorships are priced from \$100 to \$500.

Businesses and individuals interested in supporting this year's event are invited to attend an informational open house to learn more about the 2003 Relay for Life to be held Thursday, April 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Grayling Nursing Centre, located at 331 Meadows Drive in Grayling (just past the local health department building).

## Free boating school offered

Deputy Jason Alexander, of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, will conduct a complimentary Boating Safety School on Saturday, April 26.

The school will be held at the Sheriff's Office, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age.

Under state law, all persons born after December 31, 1979 need a boating certificate to

legally operate a personal watercraft.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Boating Safety School Certificate.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

Class size is limited to 40 participants and pre-registration is necessary by calling the Sheriff's Office at (989) 344-3213.

## Kirtland sets registration dates for summer, fall courses

In an effort to accommodate its soaring enrollment, Kirtland Community College is expanding its dates for enrollment in the summer and fall semesters.

But while registration - including signing up for classes online and via the telephone - will be limited to the following dates, all other departments and services, such as admissions, financial aid, placement testing and advising/counseling, will remain open and available during regular office hours.

Registration dates for summer and fall semesters have been set as follows:

Summer and Fall - Monday through Thursday, April 21-24, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, April 25, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, April 28-May 2, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, June 2-5, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, June 6, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fall - Monday through Friday, July 7-11, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, July 14-18, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, August 18-21, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Friday, August 22, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday & Tuesday, August 25-26, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

"The only exceptions that will be made for registration is for classes or programs that start early, before the regular semester starts, such as cosmetology,

nature study class, etc., and for classes at the MTEC at Kirtland-Gaylord because it operates on an open registration concept," said Stacey Barnes, Kirtland's director of student services.

"We have a computer in the registration office or students can go to one of our computer labs or they can register from home."

The class schedules are available on the Kirtland website, and will be mailed to every household in the college's four county district and Otsego County, during the week of April 7.

Preliminary indications are that Kirtland's enrollment will surpass 2,000 this fall, administrators say. In the fall of 1999, the college had fewer than 1,500 students.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Please Pray

America is engaged in a war against global terrorism. Those who think we are empire building should remember the facts of history. When in England at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush. He answered by saying that, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return." The room became quiet.

Jesus warned us in Mark 13:7-10 that there will be wars until He returns. "7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. 8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows. 9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations."

First, we need to pray for wisdom, safety, and courage for President

Bush and all our national leaders. 1 Tim. 2:1,2: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." Our leaders need the wisdom of Prov. 20:18: "Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war."

Second, pray for God's shield of protection around our troops in harms way. Ps. 34:7: "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Pray that God will lead our troops to victory. Ex. 15:3: "The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name." Pray that God will give our soldiers strength and skill. Ps. 144:1: "Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight." Pray for the families of our soldiers. Pray for their comfort and strength. Pray for those in sorrow who have lost loved ones.

Third, pray for our nation that we will remain strong in war. Pray that God will send us spiritual revival. Prov. 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Pray that we will remain patient. Gal. 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Pray for unity among our people that will silence the radical anti-American

voices.

Fourth, pray for the people of Iraq that they will become free and appreciate their freedom. Pray for their suffering families. Pray for their courage to accept and stand for truth and freedom.

Fifth, pray for peace through victory. Pray that God will give us His peace even during war. John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." May God bless you and may God bless America. Pastor B

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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### Beaver Creek Township Library

New books have been ordered for the Beaver Creek Township Library, including titles by Joseph Heywood, P.D. James, Loren Estleman, Michael Crichton, Lilian Jackson Braun, Stuart Woods, Ken Follett, Barbara Park, and Mary Pope Osborne.

If there are any books residents would like to see on the shelves, they should call the library. There is also a suggestion box for the library, located on the table in the lobby of the Beaver Creek Township offices.

Work is continuing on the history of Pere Cheney project. It is a lot of work, but will be well worth it. If anyone has any information, stories, pictures, or anything dealing with Pere Cheney and would like to add to the collection, please contact the library.

This project will benefit not only the community of Beaver Creek, but also the people of Crawford County and those who had family who lived in Pere Cheney. It is a part of Crawford County history and it should be preserved.

The Beaver Creek Township Library is located at 8888 S. Grayling Road and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone (989) 275-2808.

### Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

The Devereaux Library celebrated National Library Week last week. Free balloons, book-marks, and Grayling Fish Hatchery admissions were given away and all items returned last week were free of fines.

The staff and Library Board have a little more to celebrate

than they expected: Over 9,500 visitors stopped by the library in Grayling during the month of March... That's an average of 367 each day! Also, over 7,000 items circulated.

The Devereaux Library has received over 81,000 visits since opening a year ago, an average of 6,798 people each month. That's pretty impressive for a county of under 15,000 people! Library Director Edward Elsner credits the staff for this early success: "They have had to work hard in our new building to keep up with all of you."

Elsner extends his appreciation to all for their patronage and support and reminds everyone to stop by the library to receive a new library card if you have not already done so.

For more information about the local library system, call 348-9214.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 53 complaints the week of March 31 - April 6:

Fourteen traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one traffic policing, one motor vehicle inspection;

Three civil matter disputes - family trouble, four suspicious situations, 10 general non-criminal, one burglary/home invasion, three damage to property, one drug/narcotic violation, one family offense/abuse/neglect, five public peace/disorderly, three

health and safety, one vagrancy;

Three miscellaneous criminal offense, one driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended) etc.

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## A GOD Frame of Mind

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What is a God frame of mind? It is a serene, assured, and loving state of mind. It is the elevated feeling of living in God's love. We read in 1 John 4:7-8, "Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God. And he who loves is born of God and knows God... for God is Love." Didn't Jesus tell us to receive the kingdom of God as a little child? Anyone who has experienced life with and without God will tell you the difference God makes in the handling of everyday problems and stress. With God we will not experience stress as often because we are not as likely to judge others, we require less of those around us and more from God.

Would you like to develop a God frame of mind? Begin by coming to know the Creator as your loving and all-powerful friend. Worship each week. Meet others who live in God's love. Read your Heavenly Father's Word and come to Him often in prayer and meditation. You will learn to walk in love when you walk with God.



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Tuesday.....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
Pastor Rev. Gary Hopp  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
Daniel Baldermann-Associate Pastor  
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093  
or 348-5362  
Early Service.....8:30 am  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Service.....11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday  
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President David Page  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor Carol Stephan  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188  
Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

**Friendship Church**  
A Christian Reformed Ministry  
Rev. Dick Oberg, Pastor  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657  
**Sabbath Eucharist**  
Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....9:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
M-72 West  
Office 348-5850  
Sunday Holy  
Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Church**  
Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
Phone: 231-536-7933, Fax: 231-536-3046  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
(call or e-mail for directions)  
Website: [www.rlcnow.com](http://www.rlcnow.com)  
E-mail: [pastorjim@rlcnow.com](mailto:pastorjim@rlcnow.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Scott Hoffer, Pastor  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.  
275-8613  
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Sunday Mornings on  
TV 29 & 8.....9 am  
Sunday Classes.....10 am  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening.....6 pm  
1st Sunday Evening of every month  
there is no service.  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
348-5325  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor Terry Colby  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557

Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(231) 258-3448

Sunday School.....10 am  
Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod**  
Pastor - Rev. Steven Thiel  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp.  
348-5921

Wed. Morning Bible Study.....9:30 am  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Unity Church of Today North**  
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Forbush Corners, Frederic  
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## Child support charges go from weekly to monthly

GRAYLING — Michigan joined a majority of states on December 1, 2002 by beginning to charge parents for child support in a monthly amount, instead of weekly amounts.

Despite the change, "Most Friend of the Court customers will not experience any difference in their support payments," said Margaret Gee, Crawford County Friend of the Court. "This new law does not change the amount

of support, only the time when it is charged to the payer."

Gee noted, "Most states already charge support as a monthly amount in order to better comply with federal reporting requirements."

The change is required under recent state legislation aimed at improving the Friend of the Court system. In the past, parents who paid child support were charged on a weekly basis. In addition,

the day that child support was charged varied among Michigan's 83 counties.

Under the new law, child support is charged to the paying parent on the first day of the month, a requirement that applies to all Michigan counties. That monthly amount must be paid in full by the end of the month. In cases where child support is deducted from a parent's wages, child support payments will continue to be made

each time the parent is paid.

Gee explained that in cases where a child support payer owes support to children in more than one county, child support recipients may find that their payments are in a more consistent amount.

"Because child support will be charged on the same date statewide, Michigan's Friend of the Court offices can more easily report child support information to federal authorities," Gee said. Michigan's child support program receives federal funding; to receive that funding, the state must complete a monthly report on child support collections.

The new law also permits child support payers to pay up to one month's child support in advance, as long as child support is still due. If the payer makes an overpayment, the Friend of the Court will hold it until the next child support pay date. If the amount of overpayment is more than one month's worth of support, the new law requires the Friend of the Court to return the excess fund to the payer.

For more information, contact the Friend of the Court office serving Crawford County at (989) 732-3437.

## 'Support Our Troops' web site launched

The American Legion, responding to increasing public interest, unveiled a new section of its Internet web site that answers the question: "How can I support our men and women in uniform?"

Visitors to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) simply click on the "Support Our Troops" link to find an array of ways to reach out to U.S. servicemembers and their families, prayer, volunteer opportunities, blood donations and scholarship contributions.

The American Legion's Family Support Network is a key program providing crucial aid to spouses and children of military personnel. Through the Family

Support Network, local Legion posts adopt military families by helping pay bills and providing childcare and other services.

Looking to the future, The American Legion September 11th Memorial Scholarship Fund is being funded to ensure the children of active duty servicemembers killed following September 11, 2001, including Operation Iraqi Freedom, will have an opportunity for higher education.

The Legion's "Support Our Troops" site is the place online to find out about these programs, as well as to purchase U.S. flags, Blue Star Banners, and yard signs to display to support our troops.

Visitors will also find suggestions for how one's place of worship can support servicemembers and a message board where they can write a personal letter of thanks to men and women on the frontlines.

"As veterans of past wars, we remember the letters, care packages and cards of encouragement that kept us going as we fought thousands of miles from home. Now is the time for every American, veteran or not, to play a role in boosting the spirits of those who defend our Constitution and our way of life - even at the expense of theirs. May it never be said we are an ungrateful nation."

## 16th Pictionary Olympics needs teams

It's time once again to sharpen those skills and enter your business or family group into one of Grayling's favorite competitions... the Pictionary Olympics.

Now in its 16th year, the Pictionary Olympics is sponsored by the Grayling Parade Committee. All proceeds from this year's event will help pay the expenses to put on the 2003 AuSable River Festival Parade.

Sponsor fee per team is a \$60 donation and contestants should come dressed in T-shirts representing their business or family group. Trophies and local publicity will be awarded to the winning team. There is a limit of 25

teams, so early entries are encouraged.

The 16th Annual Pictionary Olympics will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, on Norway Street in Grayling, on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for those who wish to attend and cheer their favorite team on to victory. (Water weapons are prohibited and children should not attend.)

Those who opt not to partici-

pate, but who would like to sponsor a team, are welcome to do so.

To enter, send business or family group name, address, telephone number and names of team players, along with a check for \$60 to: Pictionary Olympics, Grayling Parade Committee, P.O. Box 150, Grayling, MI 49738. Make checks payable to Grayling Parade Committee.

For more information, call Deb Zelek at (989) 348-8757.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

April:

11 - Herbed Chicken/No Dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.; Foot Clinic, April 12.

14 - Beef Stew/Meatballs; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

15 - Chicken Chop

Suey/Glazed Ham; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Easter Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt at 5 p.m.

16 - Hamburger/Italian Pork Roast; Hearing Clinic by Appointment and Line Dancing at 10 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m.; Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

17 - Beef Tips w/Buttered Noodles/Chicken Fried Steak; Blood Pressures 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

18 - Closed Good Friday. Upcoming events: Tuesday, April 15 - Easter Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt starting at 5 p.m.

## Mercy adopts new policy regarding birth announcements

by Cheryl Raley  
Staff Writer

It has been some months since the *Crawford County Avalanche* published "Mercy Births" to help welcome our new "little" residents to the community. Many new parents, whose babies were born at Mercy Hospital Grayling, have called to ask why their babies' birth announcements had not been published in our newspaper.

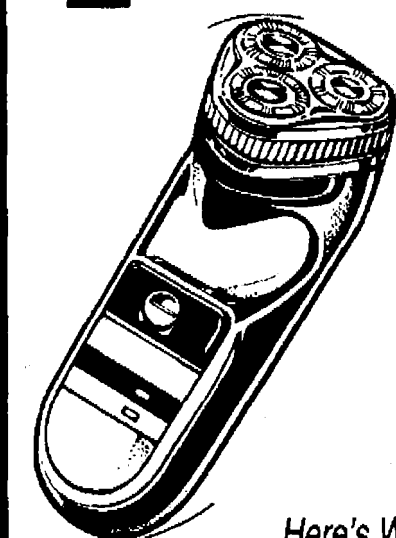
This longtime tradition has stopped due to a policy change at Mercy Hospital in Grayling dealing with the confidentiality of parents and their babies.

A hospital representative stated birth information is now posted on the Internet at the Mercy web site and can only be accessed with a password. Newborns listed at this site are identified by first name only.

The *Avalanche* has always welcomed news of local births and continues to do so. Parents may submit information to our office at: 102 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (Please include a telephone number where you can be reached from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in case we have questions.)

There is no charge for the birth announcement, however a photo can be published along with the birth announcement for a fee of \$5. Photos can be picked up after publication.

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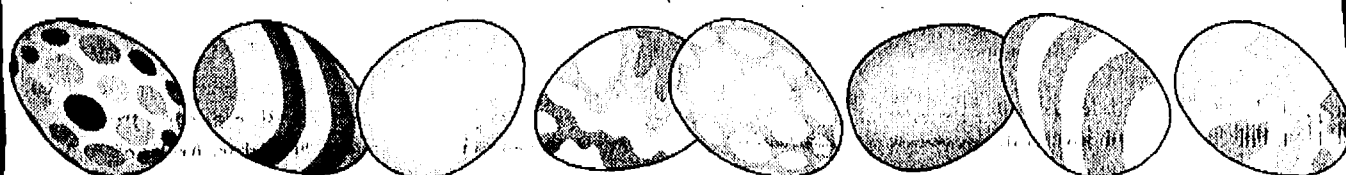
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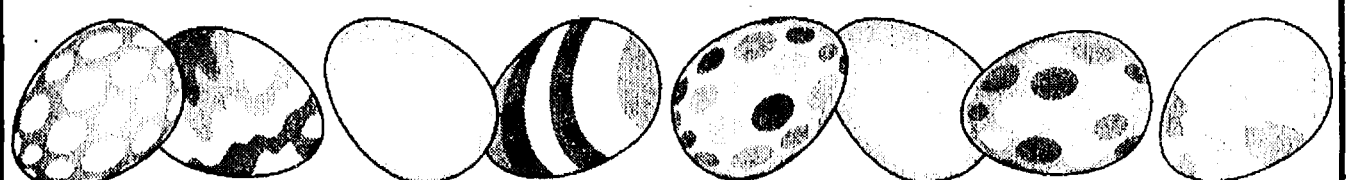
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## OBITUARIES

### Arthur V. Carlson

Sept. 3, 1923 - April 5, 2003

Arthur V. Carlson, much loved father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 5. He was 79 years old.

He was born on September 3, 1923, in Elmo, Missouri, to Elsie Mae (Williams) Carlson and Julius Victor Carlson. His family later moved to Bellevue, where he graduated from high school in 1941. Mr. Carlson joined the United States Navy in April, 1943, serving proudly in World War II on the Liberty Ships in Europe, Asia, and Africa. He received an Honorable Discharge in February, 1946.

He married Merle B. Meech on November 15, 1946, in Angola, Indiana. Mr. Carlson worked for Ashley Dairy in Battle Creek for many years before moving with his family to Grayling. He retired from Cadillac Overall Supply Company in 1982, and until his death, did seasonal work at Camp Grayling. He was a member of the Grayling Lion's Club and attended Grayling Heritage Baptist Church. Mr. Carlson enjoyed travel and was an avid video photographer.

Mr. Carlson is survived by two daughters, Julie (Dale) Powers-Gehman of Gaylord, Christine (Tom) Olson of Lawton; one son, Richard Carlson of Grayling; son-in-law, Robert Graham of Paw Paw and Mrs. Myers FL; and his very special niece, Cory (Bill) Dean of Grayling; four grandchildren, Jennifer (John) Nondorf, Angela (Tom) Nondorf, Brad Olson and Stephen Olson; three great grandchildren, Daniel, Christine, and Noah Nondorf; four grandnephews, Zachary, Spencer, Griffin and Wesley Dean; his sister-in-law, Amber Meech; one brother, William Carlson of Florida; two sisters, Kathryn Baird and

Virginia (Wayne) Olmstead of Battle Creek, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Carlson was preceded in death only four months ago by his wife of 56 years, Merle B. Carlson. Also preceding him in death were an infant son, Wendel; daughter and granddaughter, Cindi and Katie Graham, son-in-law, Roderick A. Powers, and his brothers, Raymond Carlson and John Carlson.

Mr. Carlson was a kind and gentle man who loved his family, his God, and his country. His quiet strength was the foundation his family relied on and he will sorely missed by all who knew him and loved him.

The family requests memorials be made to the Heritage Baptist Church.

Funeral services are being held at Heritage Baptist Church on Thursday, April 10 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. and continue on Wednesday, April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home. Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### William Robert Lobaina

April 29, 1958 - April 6, 2003

William Robert Lobaina, age 44, of Grayling died Sunday, April 6 at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey. He was born on April 29, 1958 in Santiago, Cuba to William Galdos Lobaina and Miriam Del Rio Mayet.

William was married to the former Karin Clarke on May 29, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Lobaina lived in Grayling since 1999 and worked for Mark One Corporation in Gaylord as a control engineer. He loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed camping. Bill collected Native American artwork and was a NASCAR fan and collected NASCAR memorabilia. He belonged to the Grayling Sportsman Club, Grayling Eagle

and Grayling Moose Lodge. He also was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his wife, Karin; three daughters, Toni (Joseph) Auker of Ann Arbor, Stefanie Lobaina of Linden, Amanda Lobaina of Linden; one stepson, Hugh Clarke of Grayling; his mother, Miriam Del Rio Mayet of Cuba; one sister, Elizabeth (Mark) Palumbo of Kendall Park, NJ; one step-sister, Tanya Abreu of Florida; one brother, Petie Blaine of Milan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Galdos Lobaina and one older brother.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 6 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Pastor Jeff Arthur officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, April 10 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Frank H. Nichols

Aug. 30, 1939 - April 4, 2003

Frank H. Nichols, age 63, of Stockbridge and formerly of Grayling, died April 4 at his home. He was born on August 30, 1939 in Detroit, to Frank J. and Mary (Dorsey) Nichols.

Frank lived in Grayling from 1969 to 1983. He was employed at the Brighton Correctional Facility for the past 16 years. He also raised and trained dogs for the Leader Dog program; his dogs always passed the test. Frank also enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, camping and feeding the birds and deer.

He is survived by his four children, Frank W. Nichols of Oklahoma City, OK; Sandra Marie Ploetz of Ray, and Dean J. and Michael G. Nichols both of Macomb; four grandchildren; one brother, David Nichols of Belleville; one sister, Rose Marie Owens of Grayling; and special friend Barbara Lewis of Jackson.

The family received friends

and relatives on Tuesday, April 8. No other service or visitation will be held.

When you see it snow or watch a bird fly or see deer, remember Frank.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Leader Dog for the Blind program, Rochester.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, 424 E. Main Street, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

### Lorance L. Moffatt

April 8, 2003

Lorance L. Moffatt, age 85, of Grayling, died April 8. Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Rudolph P. Harrison

Oct. 18, 1911 - March 29, 2003

Rudolph P. Harrison, age 91, of Houghton Lake died March 29 at Grayling Mercy Manor. He was born on October 18, 1911 in Grayling, to John and Anna (Gorance) Harrison.

Rudolph was married to June Sergeant on October 24, 1940 in Gaylord.

Mr. Harrison lived in the Houghton Lake area for over 60 years. He served in the United States Army during World War II, and worked in the CCC Camps and the National Guard for many years. He was known for his championship boxing in Golden Gloves and CCC Camps.

He is survived by his wife, June of Houghton Lake; three sons, William (Sharon) Harrison of Beaver Creek, Thomas (Peggy) Harrison of Houghton Lake, and Ralph (Jan) Harrison of Houghton Lake; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 2, Reverend Carl Heidel officiated. Burial was at Crestview Cemetery, Markey Township.

Arrangements by Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville Chapel.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during April 9 - 15, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97

(Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: April 9 - 10, April 15.

Small arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of

Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek on April 12.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

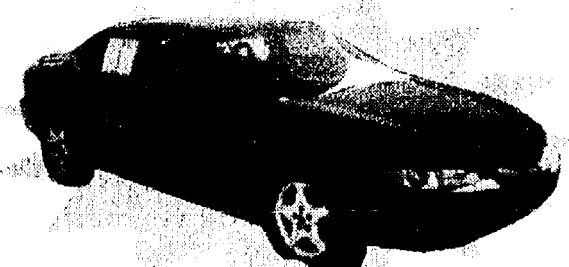
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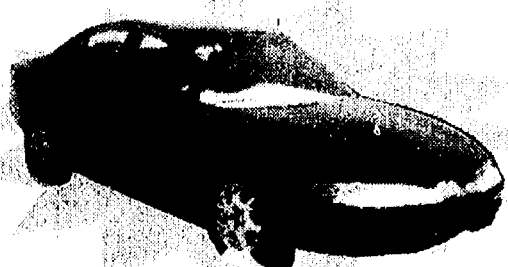
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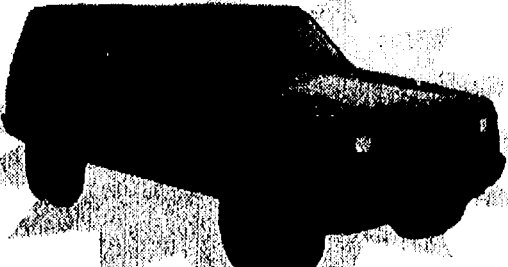
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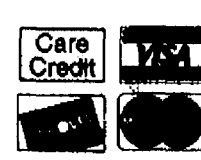
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## WASHINGTON NOTES

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

### The public's right to know: Restore FOIA

"A popular government without popular information or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own governors, must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."

Our fourth President, James Madison, wrote these words in 1822 and they are even truer today than they were almost 200 hundred years ago.

In 1966, Congress enacted an important law, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which has enabled the American people to arm themselves with accurate information about the federal government.

According to a congressional report, FOIA replaced a "need to know" standard with a "right to know" standard, shifting the burden of proof from the individual to the federal government.

The Freedom of Information Act has been strengthened repeatedly over the past 37 years to ensure that federal agencies assist individuals in their legitimate pursuit of information held by the government.

FOIA also contains reasonable guidelines for the government to withhold some information if, for example, it is classified for national security reasons, would interfere with a criminal investigation or would invade privacy.

FOIA has become a key law enabling U.S. citizens to keep track of their government and shine a spotlight on government waste, fraud or abuse. But when Congress passed the Homeland Security Act last year, it reversed the decades-long effort to strengthen FOIA by creating an unprecedented exemption from public disclosure for a certain type of information known as

"critical infrastructure information."

Critical infrastructure includes roads, bridges, computer grids, water treatment plants, utilities, telecommunications and other systems crucial to the functioning of our country. Private companies control most of the critical infrastructure facilities in the United States.

To evaluate the vulnerability of our critical infrastructure to terrorist attack, the Homeland Security Act requested that companies owning these facilities submit unclassified information about them. Some companies apparently feared that this information might be improperly disclosed and won a new FOIA exemption barring public disclosure.

The problem is that the wording of this new exemption is so broad that it inappropriately limits the public's access to information that is important to public health and safety. For example, it potentially places off-limits information about such matters as unsafe bridges, poorly protected computer systems, and chemical plant environmental violations.

News organizations, citizens' associations, environmental groups and others have condemned the new exemption for unnecessarily shielding broad categories of information from

public view. They contend that the current wording prohibits disclosure of any information that a company voluntarily shares with the Department of Homeland Security, even if that information is not important for the security of a facility. Many observers fear that corporations could use this exemption to hide information demonstrating company violations of health safety and environmental regulations.

I have joined with four of my Senate colleagues and introduced legislation called the Restore Freedom of Information Act (Restore FOIA) to replace the law's current FOIA exemption for critical infrastructure information with a more carefully crafted exemption that would protect both the public's right to know and companies' confidential business information.

The Restore FOIA legislation defines the key term, critical infrastructure, in a much more focused way by drawing from existing case law that has already been tested by the courts. The definition of critical infrastructure information would limit the FOIA exemption to records that actually relate to the vulnerability of, or a security threat to, a critical infrastructure facility.


Restore FOIA also eliminates restrictions on the government's use and sharing of these records within the government; does not

preempt any state or local disclosure laws for information obtained outside of the Department of Homeland Security; maintains whistleblower protections for federal employees; and does not forbid the use of such information in civil court cases to hold companies accountable for wrongdoing.

The principles of open government and the public's right to know are cornerstones of our democracy. We cannot sacrifice these principles in the name of protecting them. The Homeland Security Act was never intended to protect polluters or special interests from public scrutiny. Restore FOIA would restore the appropriate balance between security and openness.

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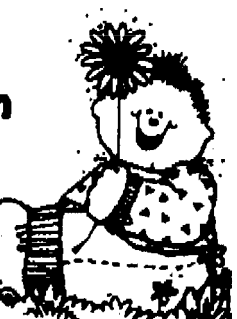


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## Local restaurant ignores weather, celebrates warmth




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by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer


Although it's still wintry outside, Stevens Family Circle Restaurant decided it's time for a change, so through April 12 the menu has special lunch items to

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### Sentencings for March, 2003

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Joshua Alan Lobeck, age 18 of Roscommon - Breaking & Entering of a Coin Operated Device; 180 days in jail with credit for 101 days served, ordered to pay \$9,359.00 restitution, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$60 DNA assessment fee; placed on 36 months probation.

Randy Carl Piipponen, age 18 of Roscommon - Breaking & Entering of a Coin Operated Device; 270 days in jail with credit for 101 days served, ordered to pay \$9,359.00 restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$60 DNA Assessment Fee, \$300 court costs, \$350 attorney fee, placed on 36 months probation.

Gerald Arthur Mayhew, age 38 of Frederic - Attempted Arson - Real Property; 270 days in jail with credit for 204 served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$60 DNA assessment fee; placed on 48 months probation.

Richard Elwood Boonie, age 29 of Grayling - Break & Enter with Intent; 365 days in jail with credit for 240 served, may be released after serving 30 days if all fines and costs are paid in full, ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$350 attorney fee.

Casey Nelson Darling, age 18 of Grayling - Break & Enter with Intent; 365 days in jail with credit for 215 served and 150 days held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$2,199.59 restitution, \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, \$150 forensic fee, and \$350 attorney fee; placed on 36 months probation.

Charles Daniel Demoinis, age 23 of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree with a child under the age of 13; 45 months to 20 years in prison with credit for 252 days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund and \$60 DNA assessment fee; HIV tested and registered as a sex offender.

Robert George Brinker III, age 21 of Grayling - Probation violation on original conviction of Substance - Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana; two days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$150 penal fine, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, and \$150 Forensic fee; dismissed from probation without improvement.

Robert George Brinker III, age 21 of Grayling - Probation violation on original conviction of Substance - Deliver/Manufacture Marijuana; two days in jail with credit for two days served, ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, and \$150 Forensic fee; dismissed from probation without improvement. (To run concurrent with previous sentence.)

Hon. John G. Hunter

Eric Zack Linkhart, age 22 of Grayling - Operating-Operate Under Influence of Liquor/per se Third Offense; Drivers license revoked, 270 days in jail with credit for one served, six months forthwith and balance held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$60 DNA assessment fee, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Rights Fund, \$300 court costs, \$500 penal fine, \$350 attorney fee, \$150 Forensic fee; placed on 24 months probation and must perform 60 days community service.

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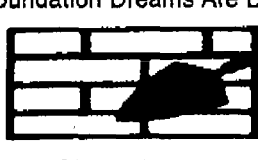
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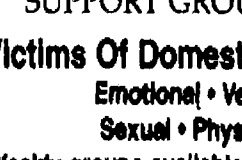
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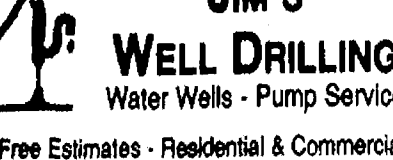
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## Senior project 'beefed up' with dinner

Blake Suhr, a Roscommon High School senior, just "beefed up" his senior project for River House Shelter.

On Saturday, March 29, Blake planned, gathered sponsors, prepared and served a steak dinner with all the fixings to lucky River House Shelter employees, volunteers and clients.

"I wanted to research domestic violence because I grew up in a conservative family and was taught that family violence is wrong," said Suhr. "I wanted to learn more about why abuse

occurs in families. I also wanted to use my skills as a meat cutter."

"He combined the two subjects and the community benefits," said Rhoda Hacker, Director of River House and commended Suhr on his project. "For a young man, who could choose any topic for his senior project, to choose to learn more about domestic violence, shows me that our young people are concerned about this issue. And then to feed us... what more could you ask for?"



Roscommon High School student, Blake Suhr, studied domestic violence for his senior project and recently provided a steak dinner for the clients and employees of River House Shelter.

## What's happening on the corner?

In case you were wondering what is going on at the corner of Michigan and Plum Streets, besides knocking down buildings - no, it's not going to

become a waterslide park or part of the Disney empire.

Offices for Dr. Brian Stirling will soon be under construction on the site.

## Financial services trainee promoted to administrator

Kimberly Millikin recently graduated from a trainee position to that of branch office administrator at the Grayling office of the financial services firm, Edward Jones. Millikin has lived in Grayling for 10 months.

The firm's local investment representative, Kurt Loll, said Millikin was promoted after successfully completing the firm's in-depth training program.

"For the past six months, Millikin has performed the duties of her job while also working to complete her training and testing requirements Loll said. "This is a well-deserved promotion."

Loll said the title of branch office administrator (BOA) was adopted for this position at Edward Jones because of the wide range of responsibilities associated with the job.

"A BOA is not only responsible for the daily operation of the branch, but also must provide top-level client service and marketing support for office activities," said Loll.

"On any given day, Millikin's activities could include processing client transactions, providing clients with receipts for money and

securities, and assisting in the planning of seminars and special events."

Millikin is a native of Tulsa, OK, but lived for the past five years in Independence, KS, before moving to Grayling this past June. She joined Edward Jones after working as a Tourism Director at the Independence Chamber of Commerce. "I am excited to become a part of this firm, which has earned the respect and trust of so many members of our community," she said.

Millikin is involved in the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Awareness Committee. She and her family attend church at the Burning Bush Tabernacle in Grayling.

In the past, Millikin has been actively involved with Soroptimists International, the International Association of Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Travel Industry Association of Kansas, the Kansas Sampler Foundation, as a board member of Southeast Kansas Tourism Region, as a committee member for the 1st Annual Kansas Mayor's Conference, and as a committee member for a Historic Preservation Study Committee.



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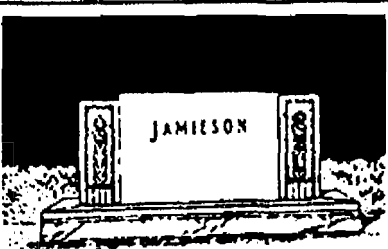
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## Gas price watchdogs can now complain on line



On March 16, when this photo was taken, gas prices in Grayling were climbing again at every service station and citizens were complaining. In areas less than 50 miles away, gas prices were reported to be 18 cents per gallon lower. The state now offers a web site to report suspected price gouging. Gas prices have fallen across the nation in early April.

by Antonio Planas  
Capital News Service  
LANSING -- With Michigan gas prices constantly fluctuating, the state has launched a new Web site to inform consumers of local gas prices.

But an oil industry official, AAA of Michigan and a competing Web site founder say sites gauging gas prices have been around for years.

"This is not a new concept at all," said John Kerekes, regional director of the American Petroleum Institute. "The irony is there aren't many people that don't know the price of gas in their market. Name me another product that puts their prices on a huge sign for all to see."

Director Dan Wyant of the Michigan Department of Agriculture said his department, the Department of Information

Technology and the Public Service Commission launched the site to protect gasoline consumers.

Sen. Alan Sanborn, who is sponsoring legislation to ban gas price gouging, said consumers now have other methods besides word of mouth when looking for the best prices.

"From the standpoint of informing the consumer it's a good thing," the Richmond Republican said. "My concern is that with the states' current budget woes, I'm surprised as to where money was miraculously found to put up the site."

The site is [www.michigan.gov/gasprices](http://www.michigan.gov/gasprices). By typing in a city or ZIP code, users can see the highest, lowest and average price in that area for the previous five days. The site does not give prices for specific gas stations,

but Wyant said that feature might be added in the future.

Prices are tracked by charting regional credit card purchases.

"This is the first time the state has put this information out," Wyant said. "It will allow consumers to do some comparison shopping."

The site also has a link that allows consumers to file complaints against a particular station if its prices are above average for the area. Wyant said the site will cost \$16,000 a year to run. The three agencies will share the expense.

Jim Rink, a press aide for AAA Michigan in Dearborn, said his organization has been monitoring gas prices since 1973. In 1996, it began charting gas prices on its Web site at [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com).

Rink said AAA checks gas prices by conducting weekly phone surveys of 300 gas stations statewide. The site provides a statewide average and a metro Detroit price average. It also provides a range of high and low prices and average prices for the week.

According to AAA, as of March 31, the average weekly gas price for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel was \$1.61 per gallon.

Jason Toews, co-founder of GasBuddy Organization Inc., launched [www.michigan-gasprices.com](http://www.michigan-gasprices.com) in 2001. Toews said the company has 174 Web sites across the country, with at least one per state.

The site provides gas prices for three metropolitan areas in Michigan -- Detroit, Lansing and Grand Rapids -- with average, minimum and maximum prices. It also lists specific stations with addresses with their highest and lowest gas prices within the previous 72 hours.

Kerekes said that these types of sites were probably more useful when prices were about 20 cents higher per gallon, but some people will travel great distances to save a few cents per gallon, he said.

"The general public doesn't like the volatility of gas prices," Kerekes said. "These Web sites at least give them a sense that somebody is watching."

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## Broader property tax breaks proposed for disabled veterans

by Sarah McEvilly  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Michigan's disabled veterans could get an expanded tax break.

A current law exempts disabled veterans from property taxes if a handicap-related accommodation to their home is made, such as installing a ramp or widening doors. A veteran doesn't have to be 100-percent disabled to receive this break.

A new proposal would also exempt totally disabled veterans from property taxes even without a change to their house.

The measure would apply to honorably discharged veterans who are totally and permanently disabled due to a military service-related illness or injury.

"It's broadening the definition of who can receive these benefits," said Hubert Hess, the deputy director of the State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Hess said some veterans become disappointed when they find out an alteration to their house is required to qualify for the tax break. The legislation probably would increase the number of veterans claiming exemptions.

But the proposal has Cass County Veterans Affairs Director Fred Leet asking if the state can afford it. "I'm absolutely for it. Anything you do for a veteran is

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good, but everyone's budgets are so tight right now."

Hess said only 3,700 veterans in Michigan are fully disabled. He said his department can't determine how many veterans in the state take advantage of the existing exemption.

Deborah Koroch, finance director for the city of St. Joseph, said, "It depends on how many disabled veterans the community has, but it will have an impact on them and their budget."

Koroch said she isn't aware of any disabled veterans in St. Joseph because none has filed for the current exemption. The change might make people more aware of their options and some may come and file a claim.

"Anytime you're exempt from a taxation, you'll benefit," she said. "It just depends on how the laws are written and what hoops

you have to jump through to get it."

Berrien County veterans affairs director Donald Olivia said the current law and the proposal would benefit disabled veterans. "A lot of disabled veterans are on fixed incomes, and being exempt from paying property taxes would relieve some of their expenses."

Terry Stanton, the public information officer for the Department of Treasury, said it's too early to tell how much of an impact the proposal would have on the budgets of local governments. "There's no plan yet on how it will work. We have to wait and see if it passes first."

Sen. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) introduced the proposal. Co-sponsors include Sens. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland) Cameron Brown (R-Fawn River Township)

and Tony Stamas (R-Midland).

Kuipers said, "It seemed to make sense, so I signed on as a co-sponsor. This is an opportunity for the state to say thanks to these people who risked their lives for our country."

Brown said he signed on because he felt it was important. He chairs the Senate State Police and Military Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, and his father and two brothers are veterans.

"Our vets are America. This seemed to be the appropriate remedy of relief for them."

Sen. Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac) has introduced other veterans-related legislation to amend the income tax law. Under his proposal, benefits to military personnel wouldn't be subject to the state income tax.



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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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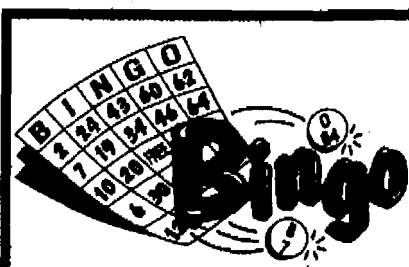
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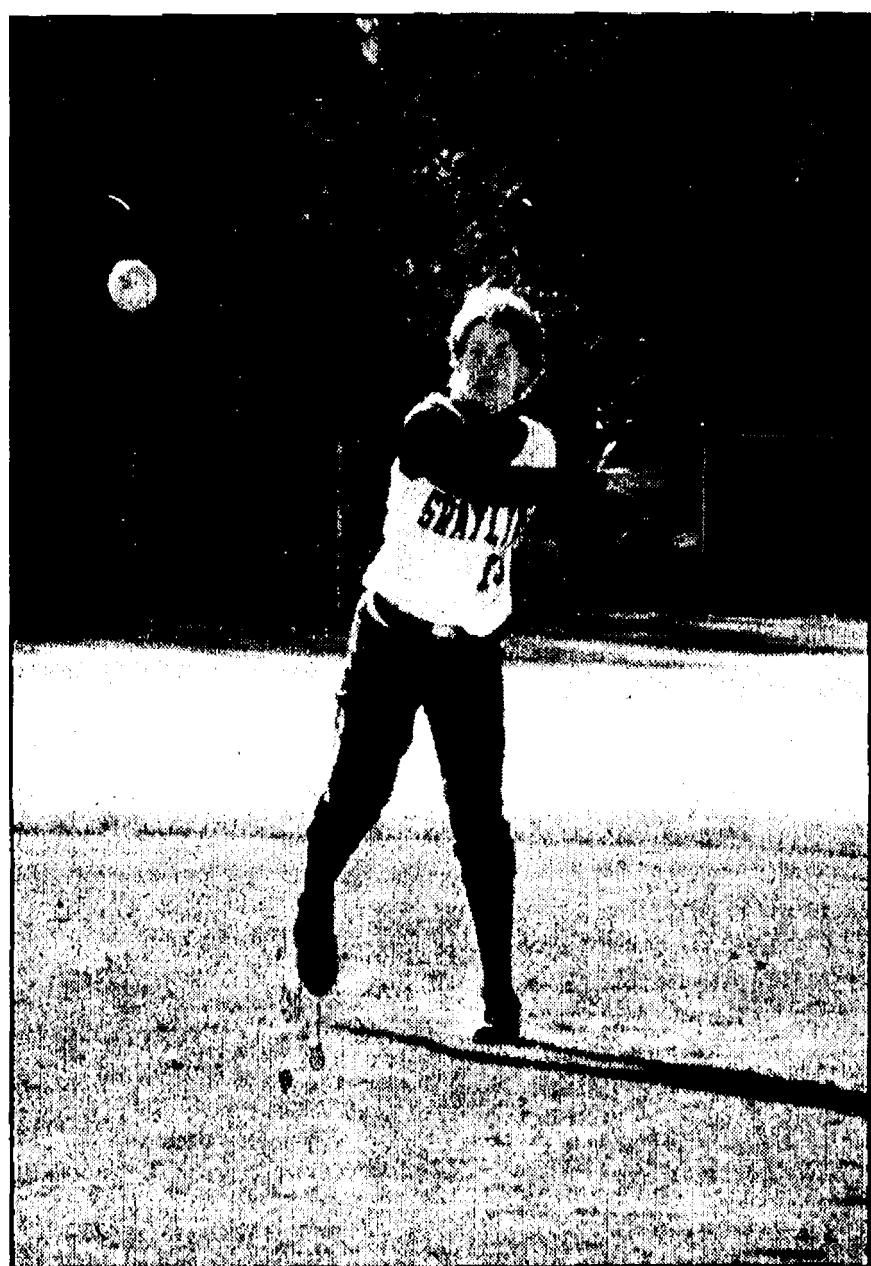
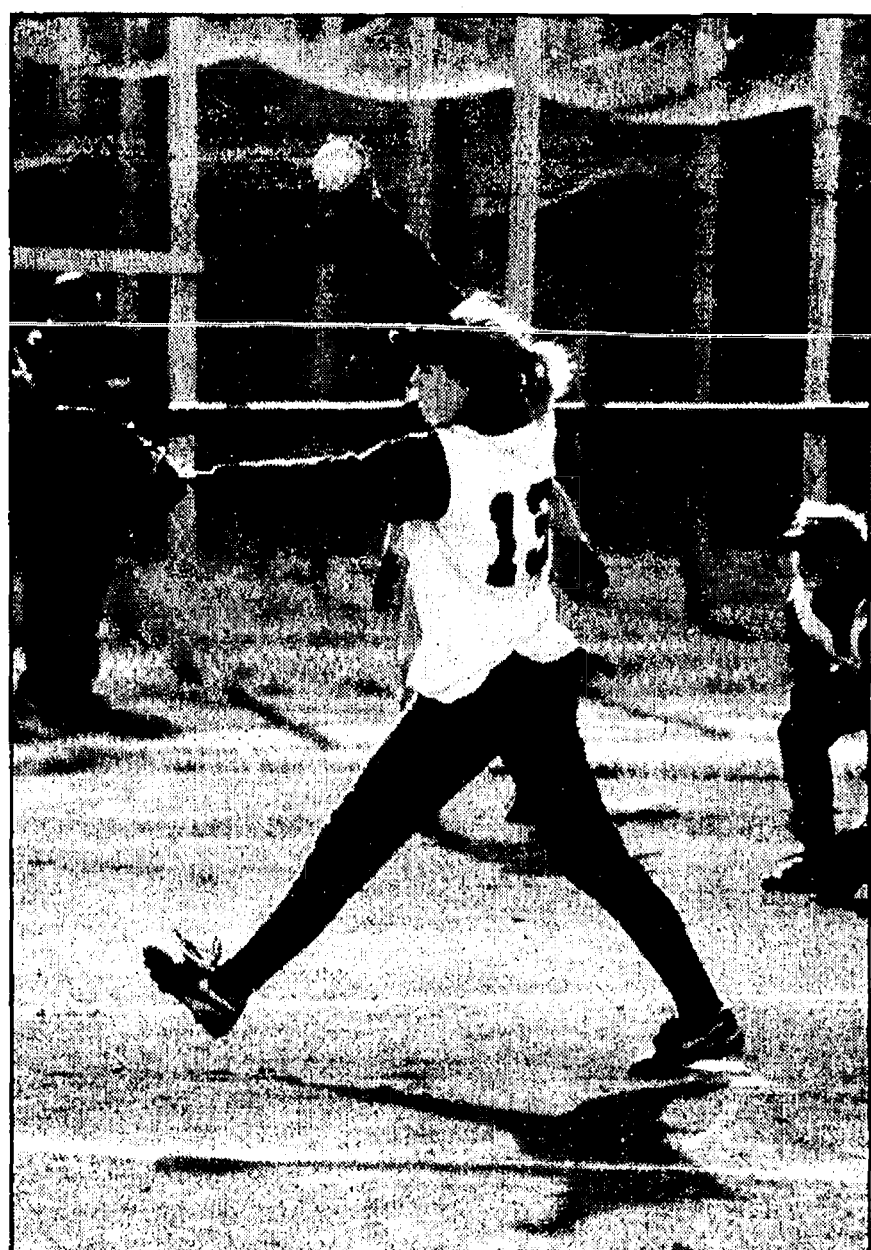




Track to start 2B

*Baseball, softball seasons scheduled to start next week*

## Opening Day set for April 14



► JV and varsity baseball, softball teams scheduled to play on Monday

**G**ray High School's varsity and junior varsity baseball and softball teams all begin their 2003 game schedules with doubleheaders next Monday.

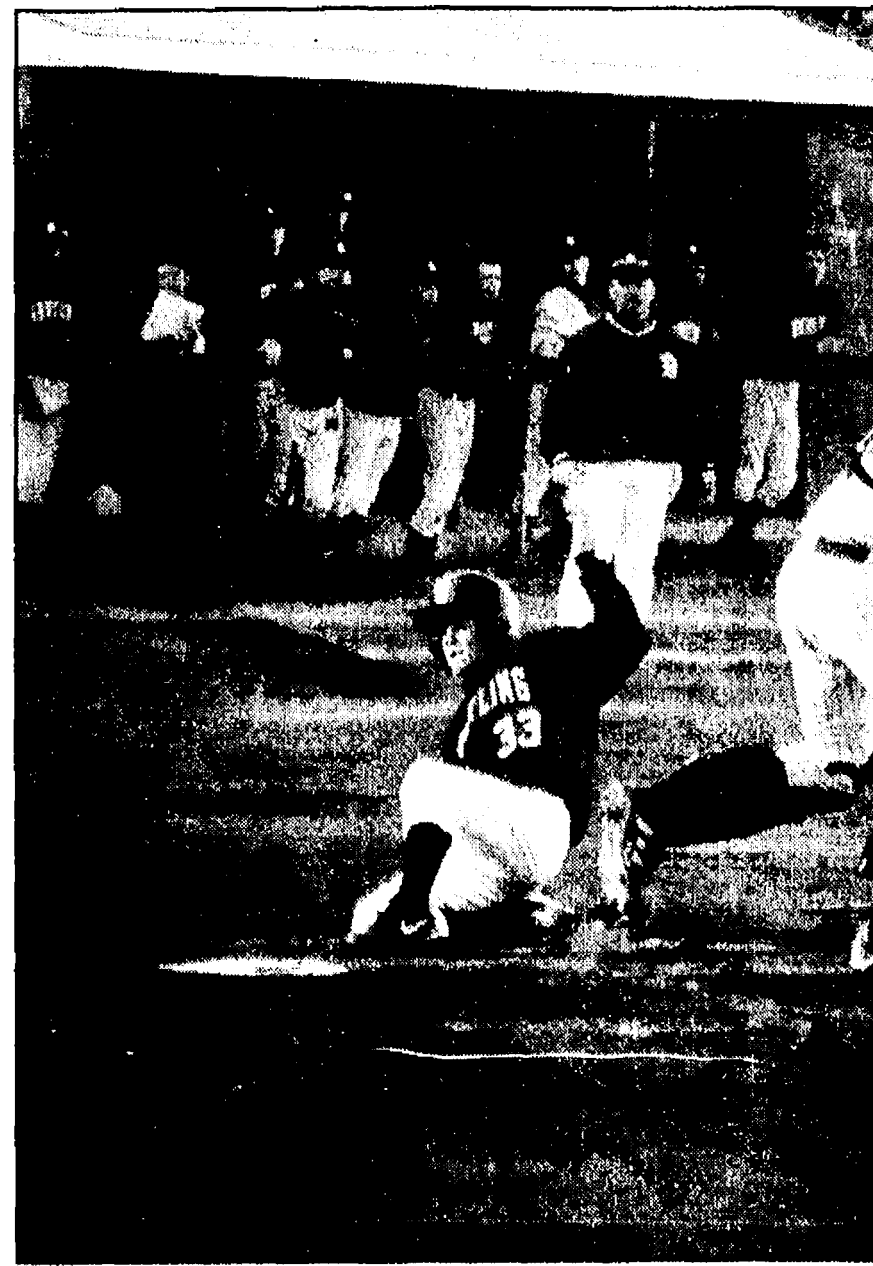
The varsity teams will both host the Bucks of Roscommon on Monday, April 14. The first game of each series is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

The JV squads will play their season openers at Roscommon on April 14 at 4 p.m. The JV teams play at home (vs. Houghton Lake) on Wednesday, April 16.

Partial schedules (the first 10 doubleheaders) are listed below for each team.

Three of the four GHS baseball and softball team coaches are new hires this year. Donna Bougner, varsity softball coach, is the only returner. Bob Gorski and Loren Bass, both of whom have a lot of coaching experience, are the varsity baseball and JV softball coaches, respectfully. Travis Huber is the JV baseball coach.

*(Note: Photos are from the 2002 season.)*



## Varsity Baseball & Softball

### Varsity Baseball & Softball

First Ten Games (H=Home, A=Away)

| Date            | Opponent          | H/A | Time    |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----|---------|
| April 14 (Mon)  | Roscommon         | H   | 4:00 pm |
| April 16 (Wed)  | Houghton Lake     | A   | 4:00 pm |
| April 21 (Mon)  | Charlevoix        | H   | 4:30 pm |
| April 22 (Tues) | Tawas             | H   | 4:00 pm |
| April 24 (Thur) | Elk Rapids        | A   | 4:30 pm |
| April 28 (Mon)  | Kalkaska          | H   | 4:30 pm |
| April 29 (Tues) | Oscoda            | A   | 4:00 pm |
| May 1 (Thur)    | Boyer City        | A   | 4:30 pm |
| May 5 (Mon)     | East Jordan       | H   | 4:30 pm |
| May 6 (Tues)    | Standish Sterling | H   | 4:00 pm |

## JV Baseball & Softball

### Junior Varsity Baseball & Softball

First Ten Games (H=Home, A=Away)

| Date            | Opponent       | H/A | Time    |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|---------|
| April 14 (Mon)  | Roscommon      | A   | 4:00 pm |
| April 16 (Wed)  | Houghton Lake  | H   | 4:00 pm |
| April 21 (Mon)  | Charlevoix     | A   | 4:30 pm |
| April 22 (Tues) | Tawas          | A   | 4:00 pm |
| April 24 (Thur) | Elk Rapids     | H   | 4:30 pm |
| April 28 (Mon)  | Kalkaska       | A   | 4:30 pm |
| April 29 (Tues) | Oscoda         | H   | 4:00 pm |
| May 1 (Thur)    | Boyer City     | H   | 4:30 pm |
| May 6 (Tues)    | East Jordan    | A   | 4:30 pm |
| May 8 (Thur)    | Harbor Springs | H   | 4:00 pm |





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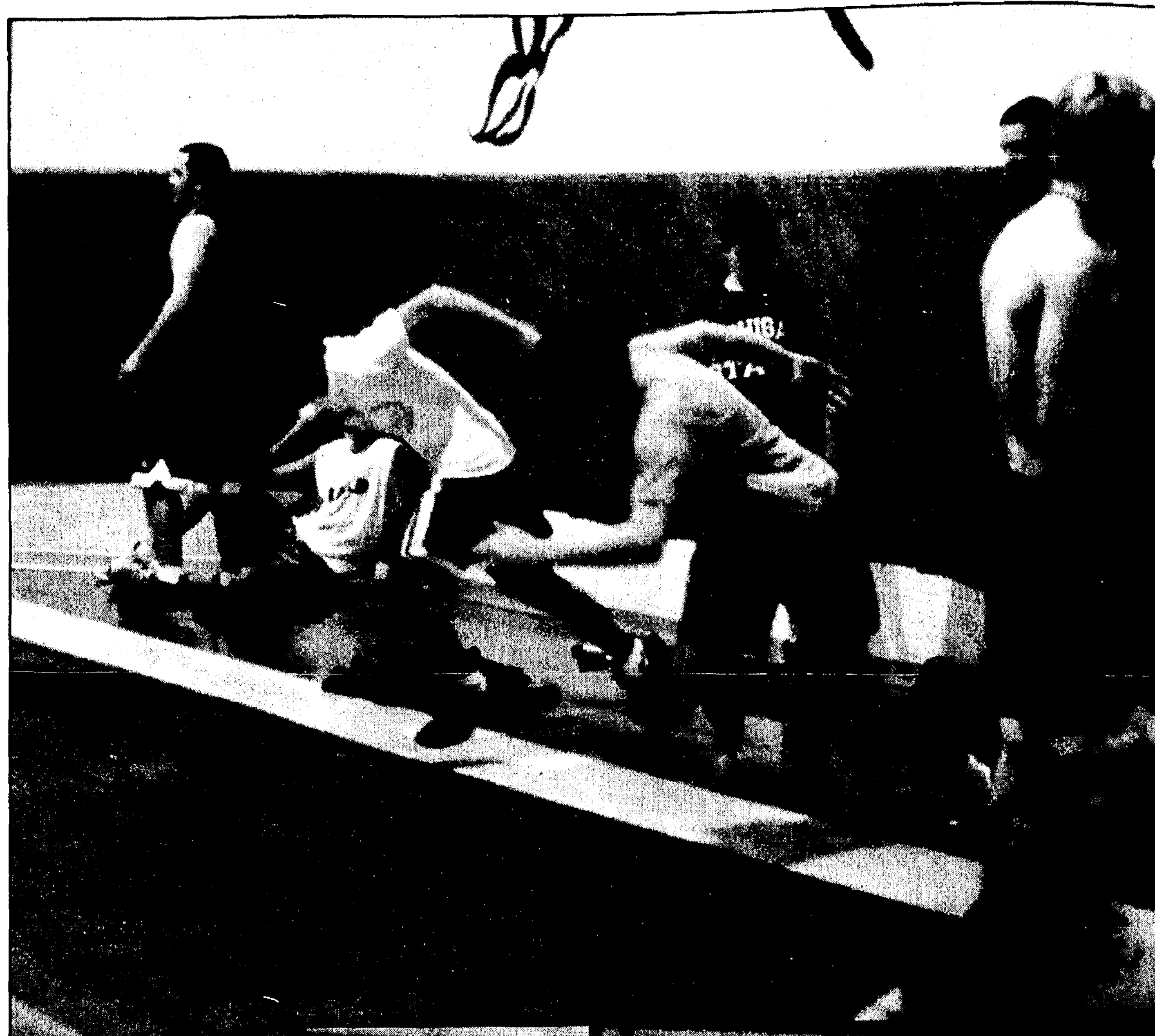
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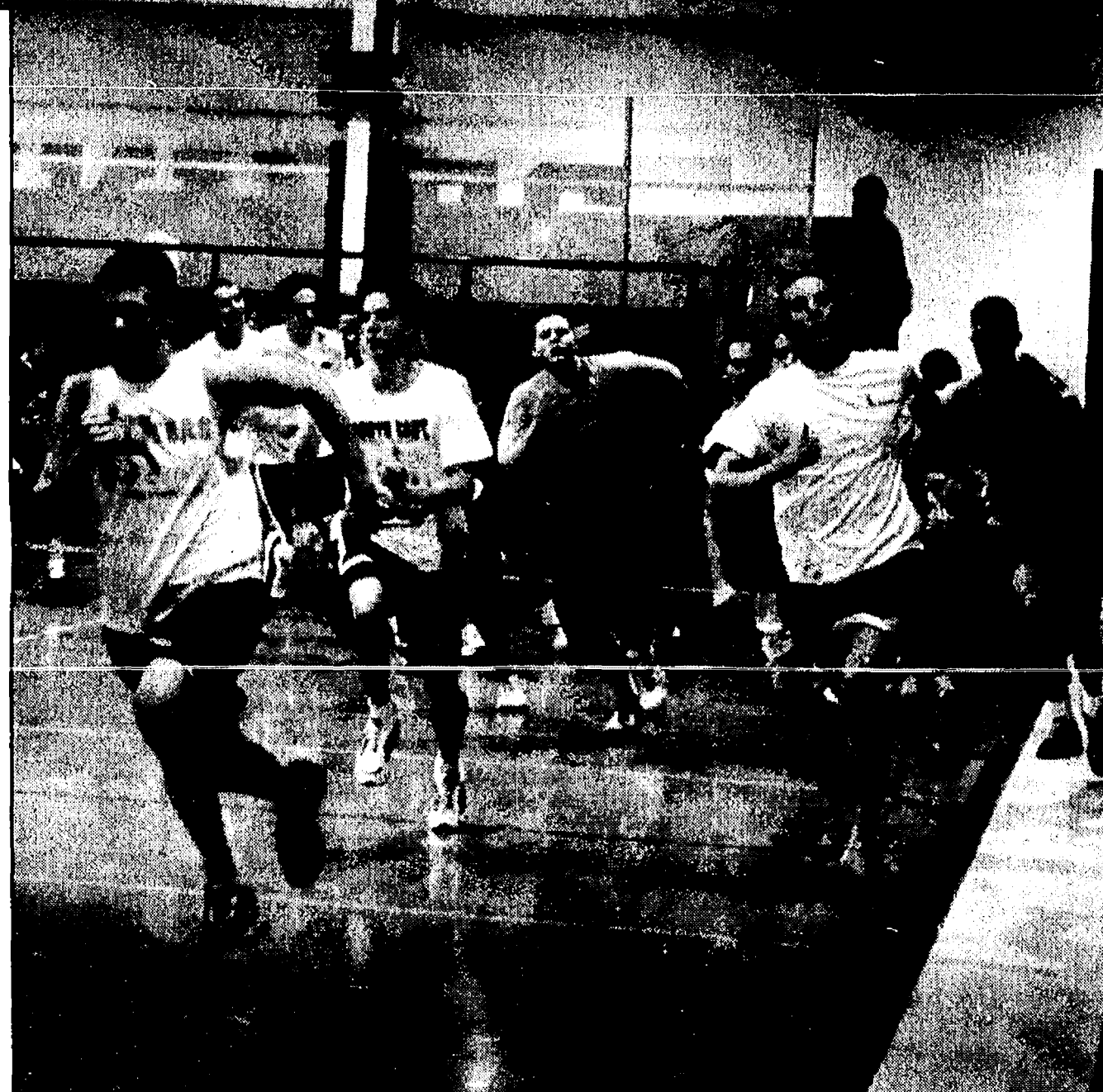
**Natural Light \$10.49** 24 pk cans Plus Dep.

**Milwaukee's Best, Best Light or Ice \$10.99** 30 Pk. Cans Plus Dep.

# Track opener postponed



GHS boys track athletes work on sprinting at a pre-season practice. The GHS track and field team was scheduled to open its 2003 meet schedule with a competition at Roscommon on Wednesday, April 9, but the meet has been postponed due to weather conditions. On Tuesday, April 15, the Vikings are scheduled to compete against Ogemaw Heights and Pinconning at Ogemaw.



Members of the GHS boys track team prepare for the 2003 season during a recent indoor practice.

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## New GHS football coach to visit parents

► Coach's door to door visits to start on Saturday, April 12

Jason Mensing, new head football coach at Grayling High School, will be going door to door the next few weekends to introduce himself to the parents of his players and provide them with an informational card that

contains a list of the program's upcoming events.

The visits will be done during the day (starting at 12 noon) on Saturdays, he said.

Coach Mensing said the door to door visits will give parents an opportunity to meet him and ask questions if they want. For those with no questions, or are busy, or just want their privacy, Mensing said he will just introduce himself (and his wife) and leave his informational card. (If the parents aren't home when he comes by, he will leave the information card, he said.)

"Most parents want to meet you face to face," Mensing said. "Some want to know what offense or defense you're going to run, and some just want to know how you're going to treat their kid."

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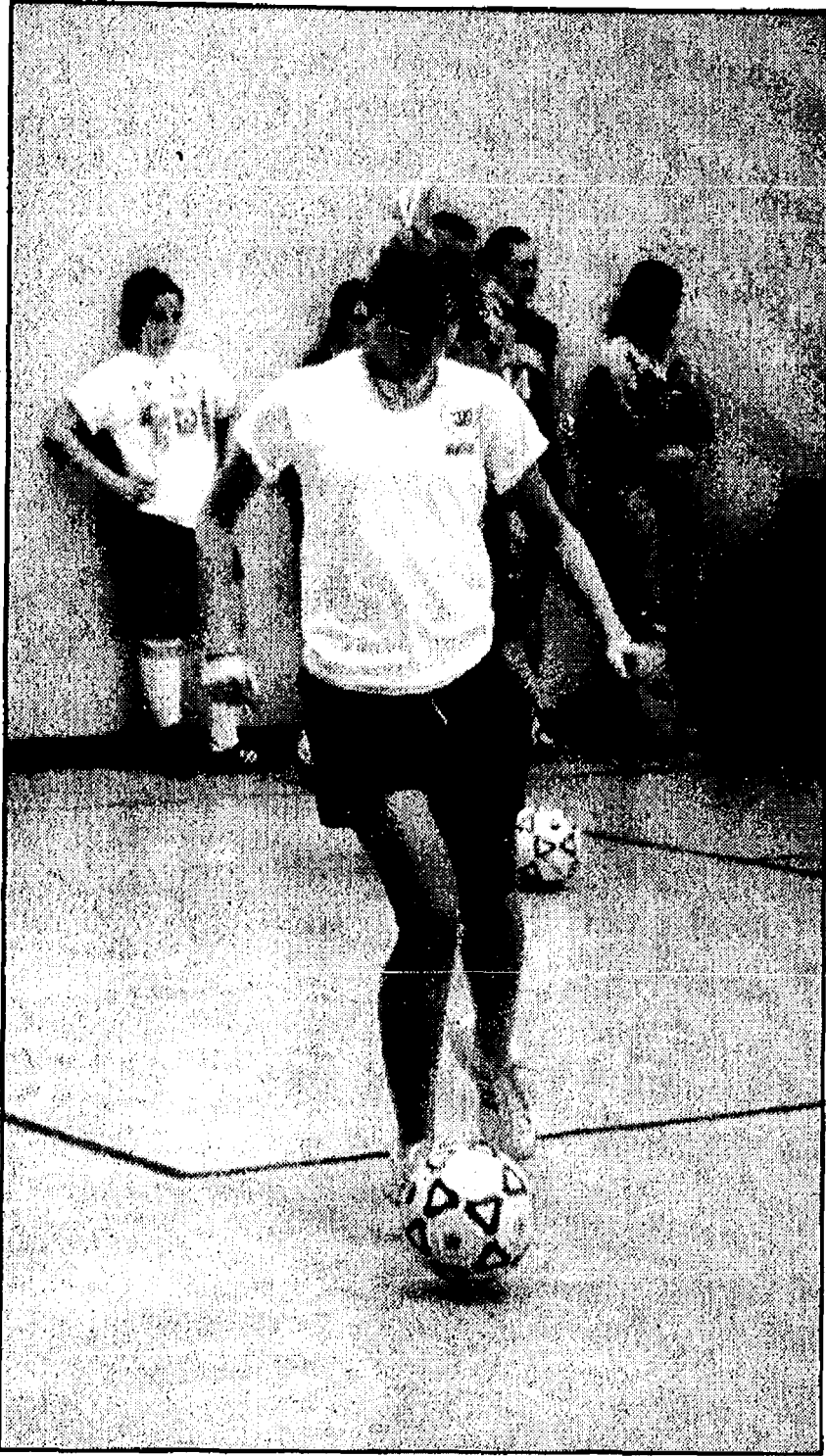
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## Soccer team's first game postponed



(Left) Andi Holzbauer dribbles the ball at an indoor girls soccer practice during the 2003 pre-season this spring. (Right) Casey Mahaffy heads the ball during a practice drill. The GHS varsity girls soccer team was scheduled to open its 2003 season with a match at Tawas on Wednesday, April 9, but the match has been postponed due to weather conditions. The team's game scheduled for Friday, April 11, (at Roscommon at 5 p.m.) is still on as of Tuesday, April 8. The team's home opener is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 5 p.m.

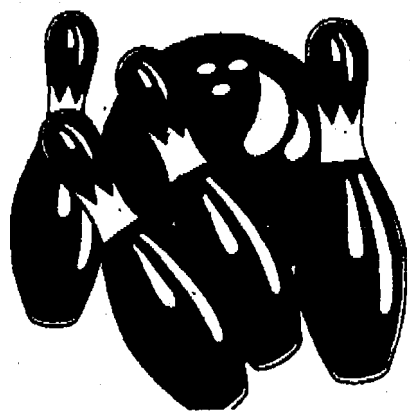
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### American Legion Lanes

South Side River Rats . . . 43 - 17  
Avalanche . . . . . 38 - 22  
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The Ice House . . . . 26.5 - 33.5  
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High Series: T. Hellebuyck, 561;  
H. Stairs, 552; C. LaMotte, 504;  
D. Hollis, 501.

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Warren Forest Products . 21 - 07  
GADCO . . . . . 21 - 07  
Helsel Forest Products . 17 - 11  
Fenton's Auto Service . . 16 - 12  
McLean's ACE . . . . . 12 - 16  
Scheer Motors . . . . . 11 - 17  
Forrest Brothers . . . . 10 - 18  
Moore's Automotive . . . 04 - 24  
High Series: B. Trudeau, 651;  
L. Davis, 645; J. Helsel, 632.  
High Game: J. Helsel, 258; T.  
Kotrash, 237; B. Trudeau, 236.



## GHS ALUMNI SPORTS NEWS

Brad Gorski, a 2001 Grayling High School graduate, recently hit a game-winning grand slam for the Glen Oaks Community College baseball team.

Glen Oaks won the match – the first of a doubleheader – 13-11 over Grand Rapids. “A great team effort in the first game,” Glen Oaks’ coach said. “Our team battled back from three late

### Senior Bowling

Grayling Pharmacy . . 76.5 - 35.5  
Cornell Insurance . . . 59.5 - 52.5  
Spike's Keg O'Nails . . . 58 - 54  
Gray Rock . . . . . 55 - 57  
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Sylvester's Sports . . . 50.5 - 61.5  
Buccilli's Pizza . . . . 48 - 64  
Hall's Snow Removal . . 48 - 64  
High Series Men: K. Harris, 575;  
P. Faustman, 546; L. Crampton, 540.

High Game Men: K. Harris, 212;  
P. Faustman, 211; G. Wolfe, 196.  
High Series Women: D. Brantley, 493; D. Doremire, 473;  
M. Rysso, 443.  
High Game Women: M. Rysso, 169; D. Brantley, 168; P. Harris, 165.

### National First

AuSable Construction . . 66 - 32  
Denholm Chiropractic . . 58 - 40  
Faustman's Insurance . . . 49 - 49  
Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 49 - 49  
Scott Pittman Builders . . 47 - 51  
Legion Lanes . . . . . 42 - 56  
Northern White Tail . . . 41 - 57  
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . 40 - 58  
High Series: J. Helsel, 686; M. Barr, 640; J. Arwood, 636.  
High Game: M. LaChance, 261;  
J. Helsel, 258; S. Pittman, 245.

### Northwood

Lucky & Laura's . . . 36.5 - 23.5  
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North MI Financial . . . 34 - 26  
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . 31 - 29  
Grayling Chiropractic . . 30 - 30

inning deficits to win. The final comeback was capped off in the eighth inning by Brad Gorski's pinch hit, walk off grand slam to win it.”

In the second game, the match was suspended after seven innings due to darkness with the score locked at 2-2.

Glen Oaks is 3-0 in its conference and 10-6 overall.

Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 29 - 31  
Beckett Contracting . . 22.5 - 37.5  
Calkin's Excavating . . 21.5 - 38.5  
High Series: D. Harris, 558; S. France, 554; A. Contreras, 540.  
High Game: A. Contreras, 210;  
D. Harris, 202; M. Starks, 200; T. Day, 200.

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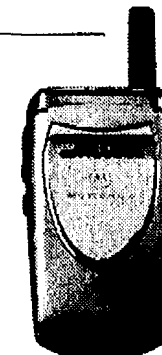
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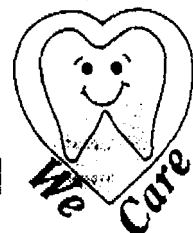
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Stephanie Wakeley (center) has to deflect Kristal Schalau, Tabatha Rashid, Ben Lucey and Maggie VanGuilder from their interest in her "sister" during the GHS Players' *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*.

## Small town life not always serene

Local theater-goers had a chance to see the farewell performances of seniors Charley McNamara, Todd Gaffke, Kristal Schalau and Stephanie Wakeley, March 14 and 15 when the Grayling High School Players presented *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*.

The comedy by John Patrick centers around a famous actress (Stephanie Wakeley) who moves to a small town in New England to write her autobiography.

In an attempt to shoo away nosy neighbors she invents a mad, homicidal sister who she keeps locked in an upstairs attic.

This sister occasionally escapes and scares off visitors except for the local handyman who seems intrigued by her. Then some of her neighbors decide to try to save the soul of this poor demented woman.

In desperation the "sister" is shipped off to Boston which raises suspicions of murder.

Stephanie Wakeley was cast as the famous actress, Myra Marlowe. Charley McNamara was her agent Tom Lamont. The nosy neighbors were Tabatha Rashid as Cora Gump, Kristal Schalau as Reba Harper, and Maggie VanGuilder as Willa Mae Wilcox. Ben Lucey was the handyman Piney and the sheriff was Todd Gaffke.

Student directors were Amber Edgerton and Tony Thomas. The director was Andrea Binert, the technical director was Mark Binert. Bonnie French was in



A famous actress (Stephanie Wakeley) and her agent (Charlie McNamara) discuss the need for some peace and quiet to write her autobiography.

charge of the costumes and props.

The student technical director

was Shane Ferrell. Jason Becky Ramaswamy were the Henning, Nick Henning and production crew.



Stephanie Wakeley tries to explain the disappearance of her "mad sister" to sheriff Todd Gaffke



Stephanie Wakeley, as the "mad sister" attacks Kristal Schalau one of the nosy neighbors.

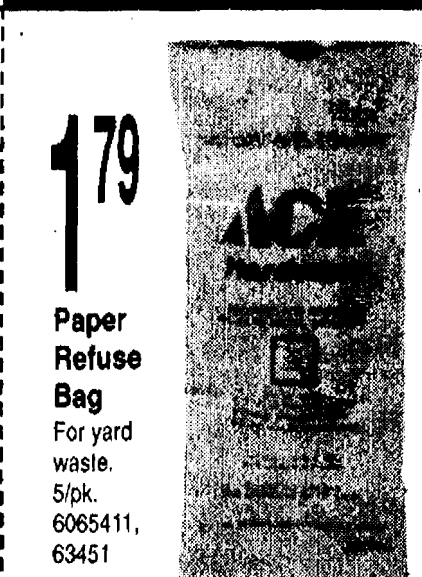
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# Cougars are back... or are they?

by Maureen Walton  
Capital News Service

LANSING — The "mystery cat" is back -- or maybe it never left.

Through extensive research, field studies and DNA evidence, the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy has proof that cougars are in both the Lower and Upper Peninsulas.

"We have DNA evidence from the same cougar two years in a row," said Executive Director Dennis Fijalkowski. "That proves this cougar is resident in the place where we collected their scats," or feces.

Department of Natural Resources specialist Pat Lederle said the DNR fully recognizes there are cougars in the state.

"We recognize they are here, yet we also recognize very little, if any, that there is a large breeding population here," Lederle said.

The conservancy's task, then, is to prove that reproduction and breeding are taking place, which would also demonstrate the undisputed existence of a population.

"We'll soon be providing that evidence from scats collected from a mother and her young, from the same location," Fijalkowski said.

However, Michigan State University wildlife specialist Jim Harding isn't convinced that cougars are here. He considers himself a healthy skeptic.

"It would be neat to think we had a long-term breeding population here but it doesn't quite add up for me yet," Harding said.

Harding said he would need to

see more consensus among wildlife biologists before he's certain there are cougars in Michigan.

"There are a lot of wildlife biologists that know the woods and the animals in them," he said. "If more of those retired DNR biologists started getting on board saying, 'Yeah, we like this evidence,' then I'd pay more attention to it."

Fijalkowski said based on sighting data, there are now between 50 and 80 cougars in Michigan. "There could be more but they're just so hard to pin down -- they are very elusive and secretive animals," he said.

But Lederle disputes the numbers.

"There is absolutely no evidence of a viable, sustainable population of cougars," Lederle said. "There haven't been any pictures, videos, road kills or any cougars that had been shot by someone."

Typical signs that indicate a cougar has been in the area include scratches or gashes on trees, longer and higher than those left by bobcats, Michigan's native wildcat. Also, kill remains, which are often loosely covered with leaves or branches, and scat.

Other signs are tracks, which are usually round and several times larger than a bobcat's. In addition, there won't be visible claw marks, but a definite imprint of four toes.

Fijalkowski said he believes cougars have existed as a remnant population, in low numbers, in the northeastern part of the Lower Peninsula.

"It's been private land for a hundred years. The only people there are deer hunters who usually go for a few days -- other than that, the land is left for cougars because there's nobody around," he said.

According to a recent Conservancy report, there is "DNA evidence of cougars in the Lower Peninsula counties of Emmet, Presque Isle, Alcona and Roscommon." Additionally, researchers are "currently tracking cats in the number of other Lower Peninsula counties, including Benzie and Leelanau."

Throughout the Upper Peninsula, sightings have been so widespread that Fijalkowski said virtually everyone in the U.P. knows there are cougars. "We conservatively estimate there are 10,000 people in Michigan who have personally seen a cougar -- 10,000. Two-thirds of these people live in the Upper Peninsula," he said.

"It's laughable to suggest anywhere in the U.P. that there are no cougars."

In an effort to educate the public and continue cougar research, the conservancy recently established the Michigan Cougar Protection Fund and is developing a brochure called "Living in Cougar Country."

"We want people to understand cougar habits and behaviors and that they're not a threat to us," Fijalkowski said. "In the documented history of our state, which goes back 200 years, we have never had a case of a cougar menacing a human being."

Fijalkowski said the DNR did the cougar a terrible disservice

when it issued kill permits to two farmers in Kalkaska County last fall after some chickens and ducks were killed, and horses and mules attacked.

Cougar tracks up and down their driveways prompted the two farmers to contact the DNR. "Under pressure from these landowners, the DNR had to issue kill permits," Fijalkowski said.

Currently, cougars are listed as an endangered species in Michigan. Killing a cougar is illegal and carries a penalty of up to \$1,000, not more than 90 days in jail, or both.

However, according to a DNR ruling, "A state listed endangered that poses a threat to human health or property upon good cause shown and where necessary to alleviate damage to property or to protect human health ... animals may be captured or destroyed but only pursuant to a permit issued by the DNR."

"They put a bull's-eye on the cougar's head, and the message to the people of Kalkaska County was that these animals are dangerous and need to be killed," Fijalkowski said.

Fijalkowski said he wants people to understand the role of the cougar in the ecosystem: "It's the largest predator in our state and has not only an ecological role to play, but it has an aesthetic value and is part of our wildlife heritage," he said.

"We don't have to kill them and we don't have to be afraid of them. They should be viewed as a beautiful thing."

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"Hunters receive a preference point each year that they are unsuccessful in obtaining a harvest tag. Applicants may apply for a harvest tag or elect to bank a preference point by applying and forgoing the license selection process. Only one point will be awarded in a given year."

"Each year, licenses for a particular hunting period and unit will be issued to applicants with the most points. If there are not enough licenses available for all persons with the same number of points, a random drawing will be held to distribute the remaining licenses."

"Up to four hunters may apply as a party; the party's preference standing will equal that of the party member with the fewest number of points; all party members will receive a tag if the party is selected."

"A person's preference standing will return to zero points upon selection, including successful applicants who do not purchase their license."

"A person must apply at least once every three years to maintain their preference points; persons who fail to apply or are ineligible to apply for a license for three consecutive years will lose their points," the DNR states.

Results of the 2003 drawing will be announced in June.

To apply for a bear hunting license, visit an authorized hunting license dealer, a DNR service center, or the DNR's website:

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6606-DE

Estate of John Jarvis, Sr., Deceased,

Date of birth: 02/02/25

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, John Jarvis Sr., who lived at 1365 Payne Road, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 11, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jacqueline J. Jarvis, c/o David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 5, 2003  
David R. Sabin P19822  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989/348-5588  
Jacqueline J. Jarvis  
3300 Fifth Street, Detroit Beach  
Monroe, MI 48162

### Public Auction Sale

Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for non-payment of internal revenue taxes due from RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations. 04/22/2003, 11:00 AM, 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE., GRAYLING, MI 49738 (BASEMENT LEVEL).

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Case No. 03-6017 CH  
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Doris A. Smiley, husband and wife  
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#### IT IS ORDERED:

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Dated: March 20, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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-27-03-10

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John D. Tuck and Teresa A. Melroy-Tuck, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, mortgagee, dated November 26, 2001 and recorded December 3, 2001 in Liber 561, Page 532, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two and 30/100 Dollars (\$41,482.30) including interest at the rate of 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: March 27, 2003  
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File No. 200.0789

27-03-10-17-24

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jocelyn Montgomery of 205 Alexia Lane, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, of 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated July 3, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the

County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on August 2, 2001, in Liber 0546 Pages 306 through 313 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$24,414.98.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April 2003 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 101, Grayling Mobile Estates #3, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 11, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP  
Amy J. Durant (P54777)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-20-27-03-10-17

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of the D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff  
v  
Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen Schroeder, jointly and severally, and Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation, d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a Margretheville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
231-941-9660

#### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

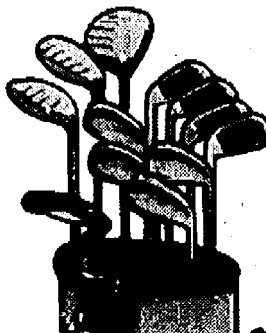
1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this Judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and inter-

raiser for the GHS football program - will be held at Fox Run Country Club on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m.

This year, the program will be introducing its new head football coach, Jason Mensing, and his wife Angel. Mensing comes to Grayling from Addison, MI where he was the Lenawee County Coach of the Year in 2002.

"Please join us as we welcome him to our community and help raise funds to benefit our football program," Athletic Director Brian Banda said in a press release. "All proceeds will go directly to the Grayling High



School Football Program."

The fee to participate in the golf outing is \$200 per four-person team. The fee includes 18 holes of four-person scramble golf, a chicken dinner, and a chance at winning a door prize.

To sign up, fill out the attached form and return it, with payment, to the address listed.

est of the Defendants, Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, in and to the real property described as follows:

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 12, T26N, R4W; thence S 89° 37' W along the South line of Section 12, 737.6 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence N 73° 15' W along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 451.8 feet to the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of M-93 for Point of Beginning; thence South 58° 30' W along the Northerly right-of-way of M-93, 431.3 feet; thence North 0° 21' W, 336.5 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence South 73° 15' E along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 386.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

3. The sale of the Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all encumbrances, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since August 9, 1999, the date that the Mortgage was recorded at the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before August 9, 1999 none of which are foreclosed by the Judgment of Foreclosure.

4. Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 10, 2003  
Thomas R. Alward, Esq. (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
-20-27-03-10-17-24

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chelle A. Warnars a single woman (original mortgagors) to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2002, and recorded on July 16, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 365 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee, Assignee by an assignment dated July 8, 2002, which was recorded on March 7, 2003, in Liber 623 on Page 68, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Eight and 25/100 dollars (\$61,338.25), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on

April 23, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 19, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, "unless" determined "abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2003

For information, please call:

Team H (248) 593-1300

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313211

Team H

20-27-03-10

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### Special meeting held on the 12th day of March 2003

#### Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Wellman, Wyman, Moshier, Hayes, Palmer  
Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Fred Hoisington and Tim Roache from Gosling Czubak, Jill Wyman, Shirley Vanderveer, Diane Tompkins Burch, Karl Vanderveer, Jim Burch, Loren Goodale, Loren Goodale III, Bill Greene, Barbara Clark Greene, Cari Opperman, Alfred Mathew Sr., Fay C. Bovee, Bob Bovee, Nancy Hunt, Lynne Chene, John Howe, Rita Collis, Sharon Davis, Doug Meroney, Laurie Jamison, Robert Impullitti, Dorothy Impullitti, Tracy Crouch, Don Jacobi, Jeff Emmons, Rich Schank, Kendal Strouse, MaryAnn Ferrigan, Gary McConnell, Wayne C. Koppa, Caleb Casey, Steve Southard, Bill Gannon, G. Joe Swain

III. Informational Session.  
The purpose of this informational session is to uncover issues related to the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), listen to public comments, pose questions and help the City Council arrive at a decision on the creation of a DDA for the City of Grayling's business district.

Fred Hoisington from Gosling Czubak presented an overview of the meeting's purposes, the actions of the City Council to date, and the process or next steps should a DDA be established. Bill Danhof from Miller Canfield, the City of Grayling's Bonding Attorney is standing by in Lansing if we need to call him with any questions. Fred Hoisington then asked a series of questions and received the responses from those in attendance.

IV. Adjournment

03-57

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk



# LEGAL ACTION

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 10th day of March 2003  
Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Hayes, Wellman, Moshier, Wyman, Palmer. Members absent: None.

III. Public Hearing. Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda. A. Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2003. B. 911 Activity Report for the Month of February 2003. C. Police Department Monthly Report for February 2003. D. MDOT Monthly Progress Report for February 2003.

03-49 Moved by Moshier, seconded by Wellman that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

V. Approval of Council Minutes.

A. Meeting of February 24, 2003.

03-50 Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

B. Special Meeting of March 1, 2003.

03-51 Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier that the minutes of the special meeting of March 1, 2003 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

VI. Old Business.

A. Linda Brooks from ICMA Retirement Corporation was in attendance to explain the defined contribution retirement plan.

B. Rob Aubry was in attendance representing the Grayling Little League to inform the City Council what is happening with Little League and what their future plans are.

C. Don Pizzurro and Link Hibernig from Waste Management were present to request a change in their contract to allow them to pick up the trash from residents on Mondays instead of Wednesdays.

03-52 Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier to change residential trash pick up days to Mondays. Waste Management will do a mailing to notify residents of the change and authorize Allen Lowe, City Manager to sign the agreement changing the contract. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

D. Fifth Third Bank would like to know what funds that the City would use to pledge repayment of the loan for their proposal in financing the Fire Station. Consensus was to use the Income Tax Funds. We will be getting other proposals that will need this information as well.

E. DDA informational session is scheduled for March 11, 2003 at the AuSable Primary school library. At the request of Fred Hoisington from Gosling Czubak, Bill Danhof from Miller Canfield, our bonding attorney will be available by speakerphone from his office to answer questions. Michele Moshier, City Clerk has made arrangements with the School to have a speakerphone available.

DDA Public hearing is scheduled for March 19, 2003 at the Grayling Elementary School Gym.

F. Discussion of the plan for the 5 Acres at the New City Hall site.

G. Building Update on the New City Hall.

H. Jansen's will install water meters for sewer only accounts for \$100 each, if we supply the material. There were concerns of how we can enforce this ordinance. Council would like for City Manager, Allen Lowe to check with the City Attorney to see what our options are and bring back for the next meeting.

I. Gosling Czubak gave a proposal for the gravel road required in the Industrial Park.

J. Police Software

03-53 Moved by Hayes, seconded by Wellman to allow Chief Schreiner to put in the budget for 2003-2004 the purchase of the Crimestar software. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

K. 2003 Recreation Grant Application Proposal from Gosling Czubak. There will be a public hearing on March 19, 2003 for approving the application at 7:00 PM at the Grayling Elementary School.

VII. New Business.

A. Mercy Hospital is sponsoring a fitness program. The promoting Active Communities Award is given by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Nine Communities in Northern Michigan participated last year. Mercy Hospital wants to set up a competition between Grayling, Roscommon, and Houghton Lake.

B. Terry Wright from Grayling Township, sent a letter requesting an unspecified dollar amount toward the hiring of a county-wide economic development professional.

03-54 Moved by Hayes, seconded by Moshier to extend the meeting past 9:30 PM. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

C. An engineering Proposal for Capital Improvements Report by Gosling Czubak was presented, which would bring our plan up to date.

03-55 Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to approve the Capital Improvements Report by Gosling Czubak for \$6,740.00 deleting task 3 and an adjustment as per Carl Lehto of \$300.00 off from task 6. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

D. The Reliable Supply Building on Ottawa Street has been seized by the IRS and will be going up for bid. Discussion was held on whether or not the City would be interested in the property, possible for additional parking. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Citizens who wish to speak.

Carl Lehto from Gosling Czubak gave a report of current activities, Action/Discussion Items and Anticipated Activities that the City of Grayling has with Gosling Czubak.

IX. Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee.

ZBA:

A variance request was granted to Tom Kirk of Superior Finishers to build a pole barn as close as possible to the property line without going over.

There was discussion of the abandonment of the old 27.

Planning Commission:

Public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:00 PM at City Hall to consider a change in the Zoning Ordinance Map.

Parks Committee:

Discussion of next year's budget.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2003 at 4:45 PM at the Chamber building.

The parks Committee is in need of another member to fill the vacant seat.

The City Council would like a job description of the Parks Committee.

X. Reports from Manager & Council Members.

Manager's Report:

Four of the township supervisors met with the County to discuss a procedure to identify excess State Land. They are going to have their recommendations by March 26, 2003. Allen Lowe, City Manager is responsible for determining who in Lansing gets the information. The Otsego County Equalization Director was at the meeting to explain their GIS system. There will be another informational

session on March 21, 2003.

Council Member Reports:

Moshier inquired as to whether or not Doug Duby was asked about snowplowing this weekend and wanted to know what the County's procedure was.

Hayes informed the Council that he would be absent from the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

XI. Adjournment.

03-56 Moved by Wellman, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

03-10-03

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald E. Ray and Gail S. Ray, husband and wife, of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee, to Pines Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on April 14, 1997 in Liber 428, on page 96, Crawford County Records, Michigan, which said mortgage was thereafter assigned to Norma E. Daugherty Revocable Living Trust by assignment dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on June 19, 1997 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 432 of Crawford County Records, on page 75, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$9,955.48 plus \$3.93 interest per day after 4/10/03.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage with the interest thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16%) per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to County Building in City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Lovells, Parcel E-1: Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of Sec. 27, T 28 N, R 2 W; thence S 87 degrees 58 minutes E 330.0 feet along Sec. line, thence N 0 degrees 40 minutes W 393.07 feet; thence N 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds E 526.34 feet along centerline of county road 612; thence N 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds E 1024.25 feet along northerly line of railroad grade; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 658.82 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 330.0 feet; thence N 89 degrees 49 minutes E 200.0 feet along center of county road, thence S 0 degrees 38 minutes E 330.0 feet; thence S 89 degrees 49 minutes W 200.0 feet to the point of beginning. Part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24 T 28 N, R 2 W, Lovells Township,

## WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Friday, April 11, 2003 at 8:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission will lift the weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads, with the exceptions of:

Military Road between 4 Mile and Fletcher and Hartwick Pines Road (north between Batterson Road and 612).

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director  
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
James Burch, Commissioner

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #03-4: Daniel D. Smock, petitioner.  
(Tabled from 3-17-03)  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 13  
045-700-00-031-00 & 045-700-00-035-00  
Lots 31-35, Pine Point Sub.  
6438 M-72 West  
C-1 Zone

An amended request to construct a car wash facility and equipment storage building. Closest point of construction 14' to the front lot line, a variance of 61', and 10' from the rear lot line, a variance of 15'.

Case #03-5: Douglas Ellsworth, petitioner.  
045-765-10-030-00  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 9  
Lots 30-34, Blk 10, 5th Add. PLP Sub.  
Holly Lane  
R-2 Zone

A request to construct a 24' 8" x 40' house with an 8' x 10' porch. Closest point of construction 37' 4" to the rear lot line, a variance of 12' 8".

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361

Terry R. Wright  
Zoning Administrator

Crawford County, Michigan.

Sidwell No. 20-013-024-013-020-06

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March, 2003

Norma E. Daugherty

Revocable Trust, Mortgagee

Michael A. Nedelman (P35433)

Attorney for Mortgagee

Nedelman Pawlak, PLC

32000 Northwest Highway, Ste. 240

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

(248) 855-8888

File No. 1104.802

03-10-17-24

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 19th day of March 2003

Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Wyman, Palmer, Moshier, Hayes, Wellman

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Suzanne Kelley, Fred Hoisington, Tim Roache, Kendal Strouse, Denise Strouse, Bob Bovee, Fay Bovee, Jill Wyman, Caleb Casey, Loren Goodale, Loren Goodale III, Barbara Clark, Greene, Bill Greene, Doug Meroney, Carolyn Diponio, Don Prause, Patsey Prause, Mary Fox, Cari Opperman, Brenda Nielson, Terry Nielson, Becky Robinson, Rita Collis, John Howe, Steve Southard, Kursten Lietz, Bill Gannon, Nancy Hunt, Aubrey Welch, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Cathy McGuire, Jeff Emmons, Sandra Coe, Cindy Pushman, MaryAnn Ferrigan, Joni Dunkel, Michele Steffy

The mayor offered 30 seconds of silence to reflect on our Country's state.

III. Public Hearing.

A. Consideration of establishing a Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Mayor Wyman opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM.

Steve Southard, Kendal Strouse, Doug Meroney, MaryAnn Ferrigan, Loren Goodale III, Barbara Clark, Greene, Sandra Pushman, Mary Fox from Mercy Hospital, Loren Goodale, Becky Robinson, Carolyn Diponio, and Jeff Emmons offered comments and/or suggestions regarding the proposed DDA.

Mercy Hospital, Jerry Keelan, Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau sent letters/statements regarding the proposed DDA.

Mayor Wyman closed the Public Hearing at 8:27 PM.

B. Approval of the 2003 Recreation Grant Application for Recreational Improvements at the Grayling City Park.

Mayor Wyman opened the Public Hearing at 8:35 PM.

Suzanne Keiley from Gosling Czubak was in attendance to get clarification and approval of the scope items for the grant application. The scope items include:

- Construction of barrier-free restrooms independent structure.

- Construction of 20 parking spaces, paved.

- Shoreline/Pathway improvements, includes grading.

- Construction of a fishing pier and pilings

- Construction of canoe staging sites, includes shore stabilization and river bank improvements.

- Construction 1,200 square foot boardwalk and pilings.

- Construction of an 80 foot long pedestrian bridge to replace existing bridge

- Plus engineering costs

Joni Dunkel, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Carolyn Diponio and Fay Bovee were among those who offered opinions and/or suggestions to the scope items.

03-58 Moved by Wellman, seconded by Hayes that the Grayling City Council proceed with the grant application process to include the scope items, including an independent structure for barrier-free restrooms with an estimated cost to be \$465,300 and the City's matching funds to be approximately \$116,325 to be funded with Income Tax money. Roll Call

Vote: Moshier: Nay, Palmer: Aye, Wyman: Aye, Wellman: Aye, Hayes: Aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wyman closed the Public Hearing at 9:17 PM

IV. Adjournment

03-59

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky A. Kelly and Michael P. Kelly, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Fairbank Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 22, 1998, and recorded on August 18, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 136 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the ContiMortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 25, 1998, which was recorded on November 4, 1998, in Liber 467 on Page 125, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eighteen and 27/100 dollars (\$17,018.27), including interest at 9.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 33 of AuSable Woods No. 3, a Subdivision of part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, and a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2003

For information, please call:

Team R (248) 593-1305

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200231876

Team R

-03-10-17-24



## The Earned Income Tax Credit. You may have earned it. Why not claim it?

If you're working hard just to make ends meet and have one or more children living with you, you may qualify for the EITC. Think of it as a reward for doing one of life's most beautiful, most important and most loving jobs. Visit our Web site or ask your tax preparer if you qualify. Because when it comes to getting more for your family, consider it done.

A message from the Internal Revenue Service.

www.irs.gov/eitc

The Internal Revenue Service

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Inc., is the Regional Substance Abuse Service Coordinating Agency serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties. As part of its annual action planning process, the agency is accepting Public Comment on services for the 2003/2004 Fiscal Year.

Written comment will be received by email to heidi@nmsas.net or by mail through April 30, 2003 at:

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1278  
Gaylord, MI 49734

In addition, Public Hearings will be held on April 22, 2003 in the lower level conference room at the offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, located at 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and April 23, 2003 in the second floor conference room of District Health Department #10, 521 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending the above meetings and require special services are asked to contact Heidi Serven at 989-732-1791 ext. 18, three days prior to the scheduled meetings. Driving directions are available upon request.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

## BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

TO: The residents and property owners of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing concerning the adoption of a proposed new Zoning Ordinance for Beaver Creek Township, patterned after and replacing the existing Crawford County Zoning Ordinance as it presently regulates Beaver Creek Township, will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 commencing at 7:30 PM at the Beaver Creek Township Hall located within the township at 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, as required under the provisions of the Township Zoning Act.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the public hearing is for the purpose of consideration and adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance and Map, but patterned after and to replace the existing County Zoning Ordinance and Map as presently regulate the Township, to govern the regulation and use of land and buildings within the Township, which proposes to divide the Township into Districts, define certain terms used therein, impose regulations, prohibitions and restrictions concerning the erection, construction or reconstruction of structures or buildings and lands to be used for the purposes of forestry, agricultural, residential use, commercial use and industrial use and other specified purposes; regulating and limiting the height and size of buildings and structures; regulating and limiting lot occupancy; the size of yards and other open spaces; establishing boundaries of Districts by means of a Zoning Map, creating a Zoning Board of Appeals and creating and limiting the powers and duties of said Board and setting standards to guide the actions of said Board and providing the means of enforcing the Ordinance and providing a penalty for violation of said Ordinance and other specific and related matters as provided therein;

Anyone interested in reviewing the proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Map may examine a copy of same at the office of the Township Clerk, Sharon Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 until the time of said hearing and may further review same at said public hearing;

Written correspondence or documents will be received from any interested persons concerning said proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Map by the Beaver Creek Township Clerk, Sharon Hartman, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 up until the time of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at said Hearing.

The Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission and the Township Board observe the right to make changes in the proposed new Zoning Ordinance and Map at, or following, the Public Hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place.

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audiotapes of printed material being considered at the Hearing, to the individuals with disabilities at the Hearing, upon four days notice to the Beaver Creek Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address and telephone number listed below.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk  
Beaver Creek Township  
8888 S Grayling Rd.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Ph # (989) 275-8878



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago April 10, 1980

Members of the Grayling Archery Club's younger set walked off with a ton of trophies at the State MMA Round Archery Tournament. The group of shooters include Charlie Burpee, Bud Ostrowski, Todd VanDeVen, Jay Dannenberg, Scott VanDeVen, Georgia Burpee, Piper Ostrowski, and Jean Bitner.

"Old Man Winter" took one last swipe at Grayling residents last Thursday afternoon and dumped three inches of wet snow on the community. It was the day after balmy breezes and 60 degree temperatures had us all believing that spring had finally arrived.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging has received \$22,906 to continue its Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Grayling.

The grant will be matched with \$13,984 in local non-federal funds.

The 20th Decennial Census 1980 is in full swing throughout the United States. Crawford County is one of the target areas around the nation slated for conventional enumeration wherein individual census takers visit each household to collect census forms.

The recently appointed 12 person Advisory Board has been at work about two months now, gathering information in order to shape its recommendation to the school board regarding the

Grayling Middle School, which was built in 1916.

The Middle School, suffering from age now as a result of 64 years of hard use and minimal remodeling expenditures, has been used for grades six through eight since the new high school was built in 1971.

An enthusiastic crowd greeted the official opening of the Grayling Country Club on Friday. About 90 people enjoyed the social hour. A light snow completely covered the course for the day but a bright sunny afternoon gave rise to speculation it would be thawed by Saturday.

A Reserve Deputy Program was recently reinstated by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. The contingent has 17 active members who will assist with various department functions including radio dispatch, jail, marine patrol, property protection and emergency assistance.

Members of the Reserves include Lawrence St. John, Clarence Hoesli, Harold Breckrow, Tom Latuszek, Howard VanDeWater, Gary Ginther, Jim Krause, Charles Stoddard, Clarence Burse, Charles Ryan, Rax Ann Adams, Ed Bassett, Dean Welsh, John Wilcox, Bill Holborn and Sheldon Stites.

State Aid Payment figures for school districts were released on March 27. Crawford AuSable Schools will receive \$80,691 in State Aid and will receive

\$15,000 under Title I.

### 46 Years Ago April 11, 1957

City Councilman Emil Giegling was named as the new Mayor of Grayling at an organizational meeting of the City Council.

Don K. Gothro was re-elected Mayor Pro Tem, and former Mayor Albert L. Roberts was elected as one of the members from the City of Grayling on the Board of Supervisors.

The Sophomore Class of Grayling High School and the Grayling Sportsmen's Club are sponsoring a trout contest to be held opening day of the fishing season. Prizes will be awarded in three divisions, junior, high school and adult.

Coaches Bruce Smith and Art Thayer are working with a Grayling Viking track squad, 42 members strong and preparing for a schedule of ten meets this spring.

Eleven lettermen are on the squad. They are Russ Ballinger, Don Campbell, Tom Hatley, Ron Kellogg, Jim LaGrow, Duke LaMotte, Dave Lowe, Bill Martin, Richard Moore, Don Roberts and Larry Yoder.

Now showing at the movie theatre is "Written on the Wind" with Rock Hudson and Lauren Bacall.

### 69 Years Ago April 12, 1934

"The Drums of Death" presented by the Junior Class last Friday, was of a different type than any attempted by the high school actors. The cast gave a notable performance and the entire class of 35 was congratulated.

Wild Geese have been seen going north. This should indicate the coming of warmer weather, which would be most welcome.

Esbern Hanson and John Bruun were in Detroit attending a meeting of the McClanahan Oil Company, of which both gentlemen are directors. Walter L. McClanahan, president of the company, lately purchased the beautiful Murray Lodge on the AuSable River.

Mr. Matthews, a member of Harbor Springs City Council, addressed members of the Grayling Council last Thursday on the matter of city management. He cited many reasons why Grayling should come under a city charter. The matter will be further investigated by the Council and it looks as though Grayling will soon be shucking out of its village habilitment and wearing the raiment of a full fledged city.

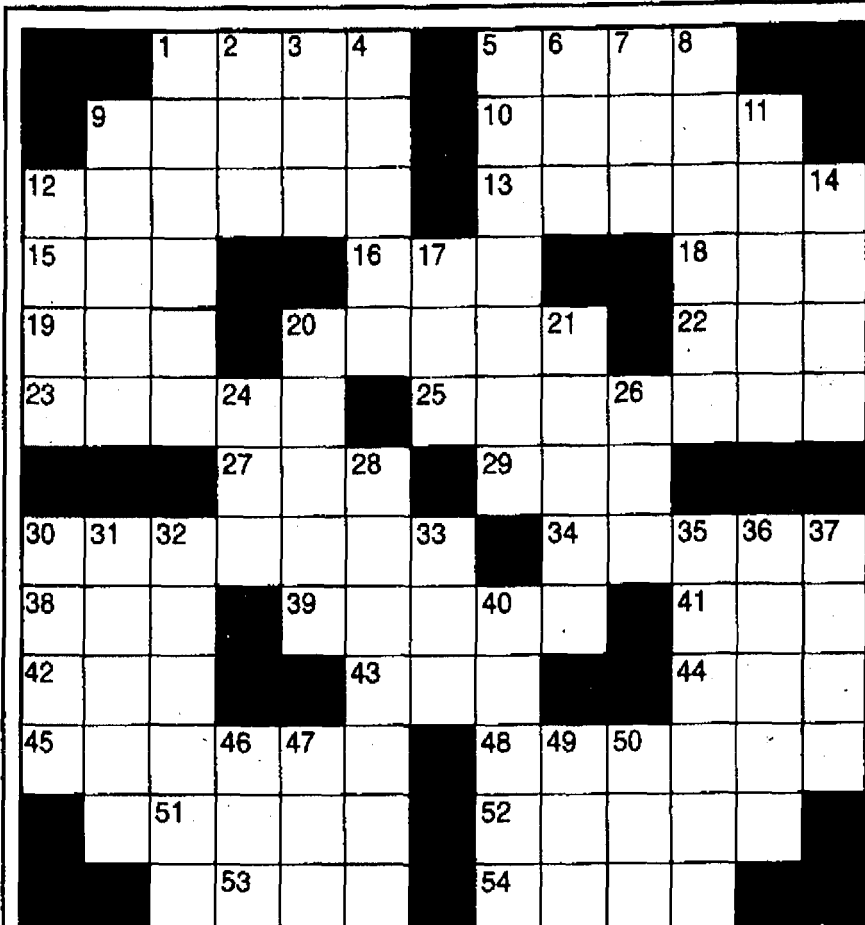
### 92 Years Ago April 13, 1911

The icy condition of the walks for two days last week was responsible for several of our citizens taking severe falls.

The Township Board, Highway Commissioner and citizens who are interested in highway improvements are having informal discussions on that subject which may result in much more permanent work than ever before.

George Leonard met with a serious accident last week by being struck by a lever on the log carriage in the big mill, cutting and bruising his face. The lever was thrown up in some way, striking and injuring him.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

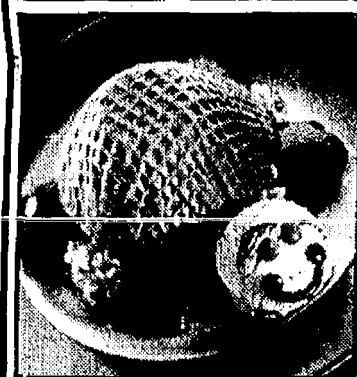
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- "... not what..."
- Oversized tart
- Stopover location
- Lauder of cosmetics
- "... To A Nightingale"
- Spurred (on)
- Brought into harmony
- Toothpullers' gp.
- Yat-sen
- Refusing to let in
- Prescribed doctrine
- Attorneys' org.
- Bonaparte, in Elba
- Maze marathoner
- Still
- Once... lifetime (2 wds.)
- Mamie's man
- Suffocate
- Pad
- Snub
- Promotes
- Actress Erin
- Energetic

### DOWN

- Teasing harshly
- Mouths
- Aloha wreath
- Ferber and Purviance
- Wicker items
- Pierre's bed
- Be incorrect
- Combat instrument
- "Sorry, ... Number"
- Like Paul Lynde's humor
- Mayberry lad
- Property title
- R.R. depot
- Cantor or Fisher
- Piano exercise
- Shucked item
- Número
- Disquietude
- Prolonged howls
- Becomes an accomplice
- Appraising
- Whitney invention
- Like sandpaper
- Fabricates
- Egyptian god
- Wears well
- Pete's sake!
- Mauna
- Alley of the comics
- Parka's hood trim

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



4 (3 1/2-inch) waffle bowls  
5 cups Turtle Sundae Ice Cream  
16 chocolate Turtle candies  
Assorted candies, for facial features  
1 package (1.5 oz.) chocolate-covered crisp wafer stick candy

Form 4 scoops of ice cream and set aside. Fill each waffle bowl with remaining ice cream. Place each, ice cream side down, on an individual dessert plate.

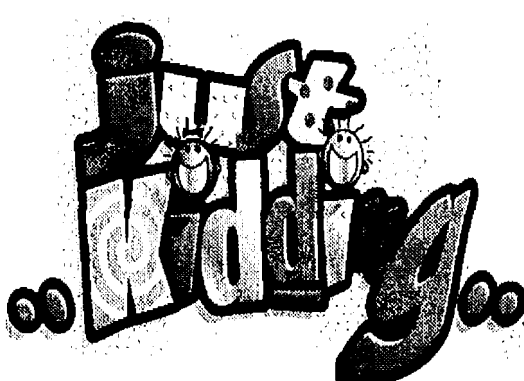
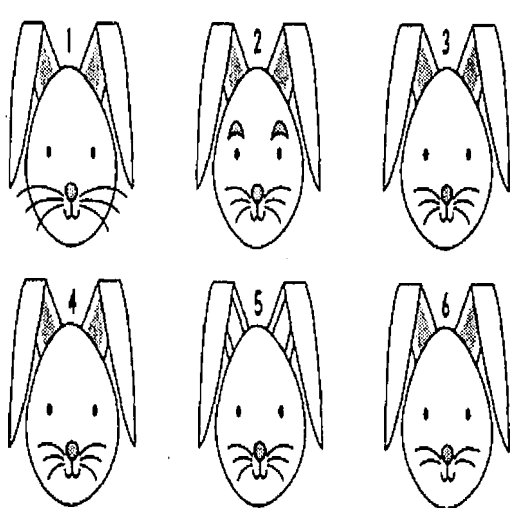
## Turtle Sundae

Place each of the 4 ice cream scoops (that were set aside) against each waffle bowl to form the turtle's head.

Arrange 4 Turtle candies, partially covered under the bottom of each waffle bowl, to form the turtle's legs. Press assorted candy pieces into the ice cream scoops to form the turtle's eyes and mouth. Place one chocolate wafer stick partially under the waffle bowl to form the turtle's tail. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## DID YOU KNOW

The earliest stopwatches were known as pulse watches. Made in the 1680's, they were used by doctors.

## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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## Adopt a Pet



Jamie is a 5 month old Collie Shepherd puppy. He is neutered and vaccinated. He is a real nice, friendly pup. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-O-poly, and Wild Animal-O-poly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

| Date | H  | L  | Rain | Snow |
|------|----|----|------|------|
| 4/2  | 55 | 32 |      |      |
| 4/3  | 63 | 24 |      |      |
| 4/4  | 25 | 21 | 3    |      |
| 4/5  | 22 | 18 | 4    |      |
| 4/6  | 23 | -3 | T    |      |
| 4/7  | 36 | -1 |      |      |
| 4/8  | 31 | 22 | 25   |      |

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday        | Saturday      | Sunday        | Monday                  |
|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
|           |          |               |               |               |                         |
| High 45   | High 54  | High 51       | High 47       | High 46       | High 55                 |
| Low 23    | Low 26   | Low 26        | Low 26        | Low 36        | Low 41                  |
| Sunny     | Sunny    | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Scattered T-Storms Wind |

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 10, 2003



December 22 - January 19

A close friend makes an offhand remark about one of your recent home improvements. Don't let it get to you. Your handiwork is excellent, and they're just jealous.



March 21 - April 19

The way you presented yourself at the last meeting impressed your boss. You will soon be rewarded. A friend seeks your advice.



June 22 - July 22

Happiness surrounds you. Take it all in—you never know when things might change. An elderly friend is about to repay a favor.



September 23 - October 22

A relative has been throwing their weight around. Harping about it to others isn't going to do you, or your family, any good. Be bold and put them in their place. They will thank you for it later.



January 20 - February 18

Admitting when you are wrong has never been easy, but this week, you'll become an expert at it. Don't worry—things will improve.



April 20 - May 20

A challenge will be presented to you at work. Deal with it quickly and efficiently, and a business associate will take notice and pass the good word on to your boss.



July 23 - August 22

You will have one success after another this week. There is nothing you can't do. A young relative has something important to discuss with you.



October 23 - November 21

As an important date draws near, you will receive a long-distance communication. Prepare yourself; it could be good news or bad.



February 19 - March 20

A coworker is going through a rough time. Be supportive. Work is starting to pile up at the office—don't be surprised if you have to put in overtime.



May 21 - June 21

A situation at home is about to take a turn for the better. Be grateful and watch what you say—you don't want to rock the boat.



August 23 - September 22

The time and effort you put into a recent home improvement project is about to pay off. Your home looks better than ever and you will soon start receiving compliments from the neighbors.



November 22 - December 21

You have a knack for looking at a situation from all sides, which will serve you well if you are called upon to arbitrate a family dispute. A surprise arrives in the mail.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY BUILT** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (-3-10-17-24/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground** Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**3 BEDROOM, 1 3/4 BATH** Two car garage, full basement, hardwood floors, landscaped and remodeled. \$87,500 Call (989) 348-1090 (-27-10-24/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP** Vacant lots for sale. 1/2 acre wooded, main road. \$13,900 each. Krausmann Realty. (248) 333-8888 (LR6/19/03/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**THE CLASSIFIED** - The perfect place to find that first home. (989) 348-6811

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE** 3,600 sq. ft. on I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. 200 ft. of frontage by 300 ft. deep. 600 sq. ft. of office/retail and 3,000 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse area. \$129,000. Ask for Jerry. (989) 275-5445 (-3-10/1)

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** ranch style home. 1,768 sq. ft. with attached breezeway and double car plus garage. Double plus lot in Karen Woods Subdivision just one mile from town off M-72 West in Grayling. \$128,900 (989) 348-2431 (-3-10-17-24/1)

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD** can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

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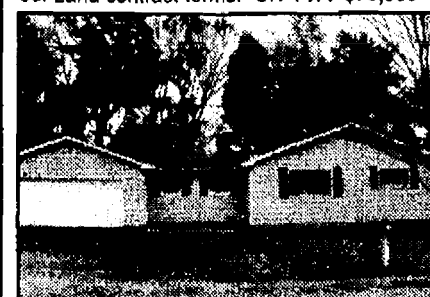


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**REMODELED RANCH ON COUNTRY SETTING** with 30x36 barn. Renovations include new vinyl siding, electrical, windows and doors, kitchen cabinets, appliances, and carpeting. Other recent updates include gas forced air furnace, roof, hotwater heater. 341' Blacktop road frontage and 3.1 acres. Plenty of room for mini-farm yet conveniently located. Land contract terms. CH-1477 \$79,900



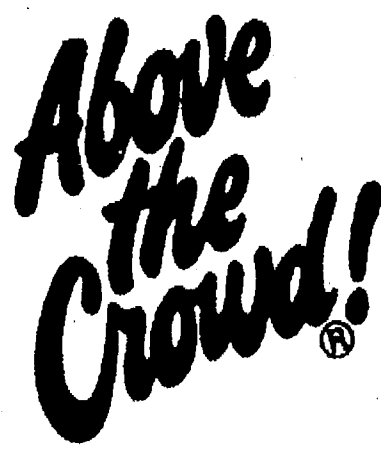
**CHARMING HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!** Great Home in Great Location. Only 1 mile from town! 1,300 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath, new carpet in family room & utility room, new ceiling & sliding glass door in living room, remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in bedrooms, very nicely decorated. 2-car garage, blacktop drive, electric pet fence, exterior painted in 2000 w/shutters. To include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. Listed below Appraised Value. CH-1664 \$83,000



**ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS! PERFECT LOCATION FOR ALL SEASONS COTTAGE!** 12x24 One B/R cabin, bath with a path, storage shed, well, screen porch. Furniture included: table, 2 chairs, microwave, stove, refrigerator, 2 beds, love seat, and picnic table. CH-1416 \$25,900



**VIKING VILLAGE ESTATES!** Newly restricted subdivision located behind Grayling Township Offices. Large beautiful wooded sites 1/2 mile from Grayling. Natural Gas, Charter Cable, underground electric, blacktop streets. Seller is a Licensed real Estate Broker in the State of Michigan. CH-1600 \$19,500 to \$24,500



**150' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER!** 10.08 acres. Prime building site 12 x 56 concrete slab, well, septic, and electricity. Great for hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. CH-1661 \$68,900



**471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES.** Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk-in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000



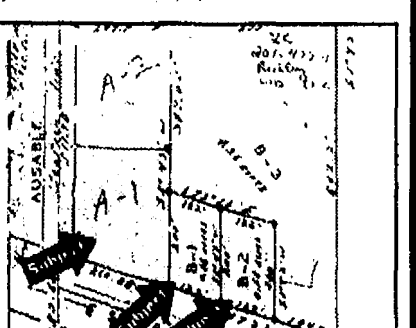
**BEAUTIFUL HOME IN THE CITY!** Immaculately well maintained home offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 1/2 car detached garage. Appliances include stove, refrigerator (new), and garbage disposal. Washer and dryer negotiable. New carpet, new furnace & hot water heater, new roof on house and garage. Concrete circle drive. Great location. CS-1703 \$67,500



**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES WITH** additional 2 lots available. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, crestone vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,900



**VICTORIAN HOME WITH TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE!** 4 bedroom, 2 bath recently remodeled. New oak kitchen cabinets & appliances. Pergo floors. Formal dining area. Large living room with fireplace, full basement. 2 car garage on double city lot. CS-1311 \$169,000



**505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST!** Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$132,000

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## 2. For Rent

**2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH** mobile home, 2 1/2 car garage. \$450 unfurnished or \$550 furnished plus utilities. Security deposit. References. No smoking or pets. As low as \$1,200 moves you in. (989) 344-1656 (-20-27-3-10/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** home at Lake Margrethe. Five years old, freshly painted inside. \$600 per month plus security. References, one year lease. No smoking only, no pets. (989) 348-8627 (3/13/03t/2)

**TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$425 and security. (989) 348-5230 (-3-10/2)

**ENERGY EFFICIENT APARTMENT** (lower utility bills) for rent. Two bedrooms, one bath, living room, kitchen with dining area, laundry room, garage, washer/dryer and dishwasher. Call for information (989) 348-8471. (4/3/03t/2)

## 2. For Rent

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT** Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Rent is \$400 per month and includes all utilities. Call Norwood Rentals. (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03t/2)

**KITCHENETTE AND STUDIO APARTMENT** Available. All utilities included, cable. (989) 348-8471 (4/3/03t/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance-Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (-3-10-17-24/2)

## 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** Located in the city of Grayling. \$410 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03t/2)

**THREE BEDROOM HOME** Waterfront, 1 1/2 bath, 90% propane furnace. Private dock, no pets, no smoking. \$600 month and deposit, references. (989) 348-2821 leave message. (-10-17/2)

**SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM** upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-3-10-17-24/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$425 including utilities plus security. (989) 348-5230 (-3-10/2)

## 2. For Rent

**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft, immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02t/2)

**ONE OR TWO BEDROOM** upstairs apartment. Conveniently located downtown Grayling. \$375 per month, plus deposit, no pets. Call (989) 348-2833. (-3-10-17-24/2)

## 3. Employment

**DELIVERY MAN NEEDED** to deliver appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, etc. for local business. Apply at Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling (just past 93). (-10-17/3)

## 3. Employment

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## 3. Employment

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# Springtime Drivers Take A Hard Hit As Potholes Strike Back

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Springtime brings with it the beautiful echo of birds chirping into the wind and the repetitive thump of car after car coming face to face with this season's driving challenge — potholes. The roads have just experienced several months of degenerative freezing and thawing cycles and now it's time for drivers to pay the price of poor pavement.

Potholes can "deflate" a car's performance in ways ranging from a misaligned front end to a complete tire blowout, and although there may not be a way to prevent these nasty "road defects" from forming on our city streets and highways, there are ways to reduce the potential damages motorists can cause to their tires.

"Regular tire maintenance and heightened driving awareness can dramatically affect the price driver's pay on tire and wheel repairs," Tom Griffing, Manager of Corporate Quality Assurance, Yokohama Tire Corporation. "It is always recommended that drivers adhere to a regular maintenance schedule and

stay cognizant of factors such as tire pressure and tread condition. It also doesn't hurt to stay focused on the road and obstacles ahead."

Most commonly, drivers are churning the pavement with underinflated tires, a condition inducing many driving downfalls. Underinflated tires, especially upon impact with potholes, risk damage to the wheel itself and even potentially a complete tire blowout.

On the converse, overinflated tires run risks of their own. An overinflated tire, upon impact, can cause structural damage to the tire itself.

"The most important thing to remember is that visually inspecting a tire is not enough," comments Griffing. "A tire pressure gauge is the only effective way to be sure proper inflation has been met."

Other indications that tires and alignment are in need of service include:

- Noticeable bends/dents in wheels
- Bumps protruding from the sidewall of the tire
- Recurring loss of air pressure

• Vibration in the wheel or in the feet and seat

• The car's front end wanders on a flat straight surface

This season, try to avoid potholes. If you can't, remember that the best solution is to brake before impact and then roll through the obstruction at a low speed. Braking during impact only increases the damage passed to the vehicle.

For more information on tire safety visit the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) at [www.rma.org](http://www.rma.org). This year's RMA sponsored tire safety week begins on April 27, 2003 and ends on May 3, 2003. The week is dedicated to educating drivers on the importance of tire safety and recommends that drivers have their tires checked once a month to ensure safer driving.

Staying aware of your vehicle's performance, and the driving conditions you are subjecting it to, is important to your safety. If you notice a change in the way your car is handling, see a tire service professional. Regular maintenance and preventive measures can significantly extend the life of your tires.

# The Deadly Effects Of Vehicle Neglect

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Might a severed brake hose lead to a murder conviction? Could be, if the damage was deliberate. No brake fluid, no brakes!

How about this: driving a vehicle whose braking system is known to be defective. Isn't that tempting fate? Definitely, says the Car Care Council,

who reports an alarming 18% of the vehicles failed the National Car Care Month check lanes because of low or contaminated brake fluid.

Discrepancies in vehicles checked during the annual event underscore the Council's message: Be Car Care Aware. Inspection forms tallied from around the country showed 74% with maintenance deficiencies. Worn windshield wipers and low engine oil topped the list, each with a 24% failure rate.

Automatic transmission fluid and inadequate antifreeze/coolant protection had failure rates of 16% and 15% respectively. 12% of vehicles had low tire pressure, reflecting motorists' lack of attention to this simple but important aspect of preventive maintenance. Not only does low tire pressure cause premature wear, it also wastes gas and accelerates tread wear.

"Safety-related discrepancies are our number one concern, with safe brakes and clear vision at issue in this case," noted Rich White, spokesman for the Council, which sponsors the April event. "Even an inexpensive item like windshield washer fluid, found low in 13% of

vehicles, potentially affects driving safety.

"Most people tell us they take corrective measures immediately when told about their vehicles' needs," he said. "But there are people who are unaware or, worse, the negligent owners who wait too long.

"The result can be catastrophic. For this reason, the most important function of the National Car Care Month campaign is the consumer information and reaction it generates.

"We can point out potential mechanical problems to only those motorists who come to our check lanes. On the other hand, we reach millions through information conveyed via the news media and through other educational means," he concludes. "Our objective is to prevent the maintenance neglect that's responsible for all too many vehicle accidents."

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign, providing information about the benefits of proper vehicle maintenance and repair. For more information visit [www.car-care.org](http://www.car-care.org).

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# Five Tips For Getting Out Of Car Trouble

(NUI) – Do you know what to do when your car sputters and finally dies?

This year, AAA expects to respond to approximately 28 million calls for road service from a membership of more than 45 million car owners. In addition, another 40 million calls for road service will be made this year by other car owners, AAA estimates.

To educate motorists on steps to take when car trouble occurs, a select group of tow truck operators recently recognized by AAA as "Highway Heroes" offers these tips:

- **Know before you go.** Make sure your vehicle is inspected and maintained by a qualified technician at least annually and before any long-distance trip.

- **Stay alert to your location at all times.** The ability to accurately describe where

your vehicle is, including the name or number of the road and an easily recognized landmark, is one of the keys to speedy rescue and recovery.

- **Beware of hazards to yourself and other drivers.** Turn on your vehicle's flashing emergency lights and get your vehicle as far off the road as safety permits. Watch out for oncoming traffic and use flares or reflecting emergency triangles to alert other drivers to the presence of your vehicle.

- **Know how to summon help safely.** A cellular telephone is a necessity for every motorist. The ability to quickly contact your motor club, law enforcement authorities or emergency medical personnel is critical to staying secure on the roadway.

- **Remain calm and keep a clear head.** The overwhelming majority of all road service sit-

uations are easily handled by professional drivers with the right equipment. AAA's tow truck operators pride themselves on providing quick and reliable member services.

AAA's Highway Heroes for 2002 are:

John Tannola, owner of Sunshine Automotive, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Carson Thompson, owner of Bluewater Towing in Sarnia, Ontario; Jeff Critchlow, owner of Jeff Critchlow Auto Body in Glenshaw, Pa.; Harry Baddon and Susan Katsumoto, owners of A & B Towing in Costa Mesa, Calif.; and Kevin Davis, owner of Davis Towing, Hyannis, Mass.

To learn more about what to do in case of an automobile breakdown, visit [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com).

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## Citizens & Vehicles Getting Older, Working Harder

(Spring/Summer 2003)

May 2003 is Older Americans Month, with the theme "What We Do Makes A Difference." Thanks in part to advancements in health care, our 65 and over population, presently at 13% of the total, will be 20% by 2030 (source Washington Post 7/31/02). Technology has worked wonders in extending the life of our vehicles, too. Median car life has nearly doubled since from 51/2 years in 1970 to more than 9 years in 2000.

"As a result of technology the quarter million mile vehicle no longer is a miracle," says Rich White of the Car Care Council. Engines and drive trains are superbly refined, as are fuels and lubricants. Equipment developments and the personnel training to go along with them have added to this formula for long life.

"Bodies hold up far better

inside and out, thanks to improvements in metallurgy, plastics, upholstery material, finishes and the processes for applying them. We're in the age of longer lasting vehicles, and longer periods of ownership."

The NADSA theme line "What We Do Makes A Difference" applies to our vehicles, too. We can abuse, misuse and neglect them and their lives on earth will be brief or, as in the case of millions of octogenarians, they can look and function well for decades.

"One thing that has not changed," emphasizes White, "is the importance of change itself...oil change. Probably no single aspect of car care bears more on the life of a vehicle than regular changes of the oil and filter. This procedure, generally recommended every 3,000 - 4,000 miles, includes lubrication of the critical wear

components.

"Also, having the vehicle on a lift provides an opportunity for a close-up look at parts that are seldom, if ever seen at any other time. Many a faulty safety component has been discovered during a routine lube job."

Advances in every aspect of technology have extended vehicle life far beyond the dreams of the automotive pioneers. But technology notwithstanding, without preventive care a vehicle still takes an early retirement. "This is why," concludes White, "we say Be Car Care Aware."

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## Comprehensive Pre-Trip Check-Up Can Pay Off

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Tow truck operators in resort areas or along Interstate highways see all too many travelers forced to return home ahead of schedule. Car trouble, usually due to neglected preventive maintenance, brings an abrupt end to vacation plans.

The situation usually means more than just a repair bill, says the Car Care Council. It can involve towing charges, lodging and possibly a rental car. Add to that the cost of extra phone calls, meals and general inconvenience, and the ordeal becomes expensive.

This scenario usually can be avoided with a pre-vacation

inspection performed by a qualified automotive technician. This "physical" for your automobile should address the following systems:

- Cooling
- Braking
- Emission control
- Steering/suspension
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- Electrical and ignition

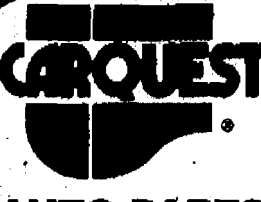
In addition, the tech should evaluate engine performance, tires/wheels, A.C./heater/defroster, instruments/gauges, windshield wipers, horns/lights/mirrors, seat belts and the car's body, inside and out.

Not only can a pre-trip inspection help reduce

chances of costly and possibly dangerous road trouble, it also provides an opportunity to have repairs made at home, with one's own technician who knows the vehicle.

Especially important, it provides peace of mind. While no inspection can guarantee a car's performance, it's comforting to know proper precautions were taken.

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## Tips For Saving Money On Auto Insurance

(NUI) – Policyholders have seen a rise in their auto insurance costs recently. In fact, the average cost of auto insurance is estimated to increase by 9 percent in 2003.

However, drivers can significantly reduce the cost of car insurance by taking advantage of discounts that many providers offer.

"Drivers looking for auto coverage may assume that

rates are similar among insurance providers, so they may not shop around for the best price," said Steven Paul, vice president at Insurance.com, an online insurance resource. "Buying a policy without researching it first, however, could be an expensive mistake."

Understanding the factors that impact auto insurance premiums can help savvy shoppers make better decisions and possibly save them money in the process. Insurance.com offers the following tips to help people learn more about their coverage and identify possible discounts:

- **Select coverage carefully.** Compare the book value of a car against its current premium combined with its deductible. While all drivers are required to carry enough liability insurance to meet their state's requirements, collision and comprehensive coverage is optional and may not be necessary or cost-effective for drivers with older cars. Another way to lower a premium is to select a higher deductible.

- **Consolidate.** Most providers offer multi-policy and multi-vehicle discounts. Combining car and homeowners insurance can save both time and money. Additional discounts may be available for people who have more than one vehicle insured

with the same provider.

- **Choose a highly rated model.** Agencies assign a rating to every car model based on historical collision, injury and theft claims, among other factors. The higher the rating, the more consumers can reduce their premiums.

- **Take preventative measures.** Many providers award discounts to customers who take steps to protect their cars from physical damage and theft by opting for antilock brakes, air bags, alarm systems and other security devices.

- **Drive carefully.** The more careful and experienced the driver, the less risk insurance providers take, therefore lowering the premium. Some insurance companies also offer discounts to policyholders who complete a defensive driving class.

- **Drive a friend to work.** Discounts can apply to carpool participants because each individual's car is at less risk than if they commuted separately. Commuter discounts also are available for car owners using public transportation because their vehicles will have lower annual mileage than if they drove to work each day.

To learn more about the factors that affect the price of insurance premiums, log on to [www.insurance.com](http://www.insurance.com).

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## Help The Environment, Follow These Auto Tips

(NUI) – Earth-protective alternative-fueled and hybrid vehicles are gaining market share but still account for a small percentage of vehicles on the road.

But motorists who want to "go green" in the meantime don't have to change vehicles to help the environment. Instead, they should change a few habits, according to the experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

ASE recommends two easy-to-implement strategies: regular vehicle maintenance and better driving habits. The following tips from ASE can put you on the road to environmentally conscious car care:

- **Keep the engine running at peak performance.** A misfiring spark plug can reduce fuel efficiency as much as 30 percent. Replace filters and fluids as recommended in the manual.

- **Take care of your tires.**

Keep them properly inflated and aligned to reduce the engine's effort and gasoline consumption.

- **Find a good technician.** Ask friends for recommendations. Check the reputation of the repair shop with your local consumer group. Check out the technicians' credentials. ASE-certified auto technicians have passed one or more national exams in specialties such as engine performance and air conditioning.

- **Have your vehicle's air conditioner serviced only by a technician certified to handle and recycle refrigerants.** Older air conditioners contain ozone-depleting chemicals which could be released into the atmosphere through improper service.

- **Conserve gasoline.** Avoid speeding and sudden acceleration; both habits guzzle gas. When waiting for friends or family, shut off the engine.

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# Ease Gas Pump Pains By Replacing Old Habits With New Ones

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Gas pump prices remain on their roller-coaster ride, with more ups than downs. They're hard on the budget and beyond consumers' control. With some changes in our daily habits, however, we can compensate, at least partially, for rising fuel costs. Adhering to your errand list, thereby eliminating an extra trip to the store for a forgotten item, saves miles and dollars. (U.S. Department of Transportation reports 63% of all trips are 5 miles or less.)

Beyond sensible trip planning and conservative driving, several conditions under the hood and around the car can be corrected to conserve gas. "Underinflated tires waste fuel," says Rich White, spokesman for the Car Care Council. "You can improve your gas mileage by about 3% just by maintaining proper tire pressure, a factor that's high on the failure rate in our National Car Care Month check lanes.

"Chalk up another 10% for a clogged air filter plus a conservative 4% for engine mal-

functions such as worn spark plugs and faulty fuel and emission control systems. Correcting these conditions can improve mileage by as much as 40%!"

Among other fuel wasters are dirty oil, a malfunctioning automatic transmission, and a cooling system thermostat that keeps the engine running cold. Engines are designed to operate within a specific temperature range for optimum efficiency.

Slow down! According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a vehicle loses about one percent in fuel economy for each one mile per hour driven above 55 m.p.h.

Although this formula should be adjusted for different car models and ages, consider that a car which averages 30 miles per gallon at 55 m.p.h. would get 28.5 m.p.g. at 60 m.p.h., 27 m.p.g. at 65 m.p.h., and 25.5 m.p.g. at 70 m.p.h.

A final consideration: according to the U.S.

Department of Energy, if 145 million passenger vehicles idle for five minutes a day, which is not unusual considering the numerous drive-in facilities throughout our nation, approximately four million gallons of gasoline are consumed. That's gas being wasted, going nowhere. Idling is sometimes necessary in traffic jams, but while waiting at drive-in windows, or to pick up a passenger it's more economical to cut the engine if the wait is longer than 30 seconds. Starting up your car again actually uses less gasoline.

"Breaking old habits doesn't come easily," concludes White. "Being car care aware, on the other hand, is a habit that should be easy to form. The incentives are there in dollars and cents."

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## Get The Most Out Of Your Car With Regular Care

(NUI) — At any time of year, it is very important to take proper care of your vehicle.

The following simple and inexpensive preventive checks will greatly extend the life of your vehicle, ensure safer operation, and benefit the environment:

- **Check all fluids.** This includes brake, power steering, transmission/transaxle fluids, windshield washer solvent and antifreeze.

- **Check your tires for proper inflation.** This should be done once per month. Underinflated tires can result in a loss of fuel efficiency and can pose a risk to the tire itself.

- **Lubricate the chassis.** This can extend the life of the vehicle's suspension system.

- **Check battery cables and**

**posts for corrosion.** The battery fluid also should be checked; add fluid if the level is low.

- **Make sure all lights are working properly.** Check the lighting system often, including brake and taillights, headlights, and turn signals.

- **Keep your engine tuned.** A fouled spark plug or restricted fuel injector can hinder fuel efficiency, increase emissions and cause problems when you drive.

- **Get your oil changed regularly.** Remember that top grade synthetic oils offer benefits that conventional oils cannot. For instance, Castrol Syntec protects the engine, reduces oil consumption, is resistant to oil thickening, and provides wear protection

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Consolidate daily errands to eliminate unnecessary driving.

- **Remove excess items from the vehicle.** Less weight means better mileage. After a trip, remove the luggage carrier from the roof of your car.

- **If you do your own repairs, properly dispose of engine fluids and batteries.** Call your local government to find out how. Some repair facilities also

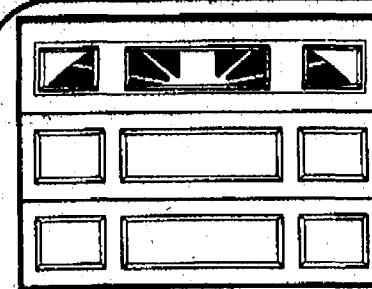
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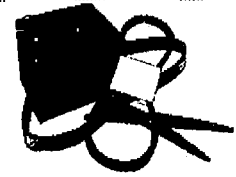
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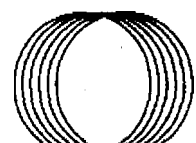
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## Get Your Car In Shape For Summer

(Spring/Summer 2003)

Now that winter is over, thoughts of fitting into your swimsuit and spring cleaning come to mind. Why not also tack onto that list the sprucing up of your car at a professional car wash? With all the snow, road salt and freezing rain from the last few months, winter has produced some harmful effects onto your car's finish and interior. And now there are the warm weather hazards to contend with.

### Warmer Climate Hazards

Just as winter road salt eats away at your car's finish, in warmer climates, acid rain, falling leaves, dead bugs and other airborne debris also erode the appearance of your car.

"Acid rain damage is caused when high concentrations of emissions from fossil-fuel burn-

ing engines or plants react with your car's paint to form sulfuric and nitric acids," explains Mark Thorsby, Executive Director of the International Carwash Association (ICA).

"The result of this process is the penetration and etching of clear coat finishes, of which the protective qualities will then eventually corrode, exposing the paint to many harmful elements. A car with bad acid rain damage could be significantly devalued at trade-in or resale time."

ICA is a non-profit trade organization representing more than 3,000 car wash owners who operate 12,000 individual car washes around the world.

The best prevention is to keep your car clean by frequenting a professional car wash at least once or twice a month, especially immediately following a rain fall. Even the lightest rain shower could cause irreparable acid rain damage to your vehicle's finish if not quickly professionally cleaned.

At the car wash have them apply a polymer-based or similar protective high-gloss wax to further protect the car's finish from such hazards as decaying bugs, bird dropping, tar oil and tree-sap.

### Get Rid of that Mud!

During spring and summer, a lot of rain can be expected — and therefore, mud seems to follow hand-in-hand. An overabundance of mud can cause major damage not only to your car's finish, but also the interior. Motorists tend to overlook the insides of their car, and they must keep in mind that if dirt and mud builds up on their carpet, upholstery or elsewhere, it will grind in and eventually may cause permanent damage. Regular cleaning and vacuuming inside will remove dirt, mud and dust before it affects the overall appearance of your car.

### Maintain and Retain Your Car's Value and Appearance

With all the new hazards facing your car from the warmer weather, there are also many other reasons to regularly professionally clean your vehicle.

According to the International Car Wash Association (ICA), regular professional washing and waxing will help maintain your car's appearance as well as retain the value of your car.

"Most car owners understand the value of changing motor oil regularly to protect the engine," states Thorsby, "but if they forget and instead choose to replace the engine, the car could still be as good as new. However, a car with oxidized paint and a rusted-out body can never be economically restored. The best prevention is regular washing and waxing at a professional car wash."

With more than 22,000 professional car washes around the world offering a wide range of

services to protect a car's finish from deteriorating and the body from rust, it's easy to keep your vehicle in great shape.

Some simple steps to maintain your car include:

- Visit an exterior-only tunnel wash to automatically provide applied protective waxes, undercarriage treatment and self-serve vacuums.

- Consider a detail job or custom polishing while at the wash for more extensive protection. Applying a premium polish and buffing it can restore the shine of your car.

- With regard to detailing, everything from vacuuming under rugs in the trunk to swabbing air conditioner vents can make a car look new in a matter of hours.

### A Quick Fix

If you are running short on time, but need your car professionally cleaned, try a self-serve car wash. They provide a variety of effective, self-cleaning services to pick and choose. For best results, follow the step-by-step instructions posted in the self-serve bay that call for starting with a pre-soak to loosen road grime. Next comes the high pressure soap wash. For gentle scrubbing, use the foaming brush next, followed by the fresh water rinse. Also remember to take advantage of the application of special tire and wheel cleaners. For maximum protection and shine, the wax application is a must. Finally, many self-serve washes offer a spot-free rinse. All the solutions are specially formulated to clean, protect and shine tough road dirt.

### The Environmental Benefits

Not only does regular professional car washing help you retain the value of your vehicle, it is also more environmentally beneficial than driveway washing.

According to Thorsby, "Professional car washes are gentler to auto finishes than the hose-and-bucket method, and the cleaning solutions we use are specially formulated for clearcoat and other new car finishes. Most car owners are surprised to learn that the sponges they use when washing their cars in the driveway hold sand and scratch the car's surface, while the cleaning material we use literally slips out of your fingers when wet."

Thorsby further explains, "And, as an added benefit to the environment, professional car washes use biodegradable cleaning solutions, far less water than at-home washes, and we dispose of the waste water according to strict federal and state environmental regulations. On the other hand, waste water run-off from driveway washing flows directly into storm sewers, which take it to lakes and streams, where it can harm fish

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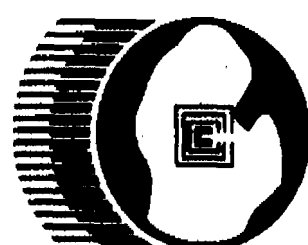
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and wildlife."

In addition, environmental authorities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are now strongly discouraging the practice of driveway washing. Particular attention is being focused on charity car washes held in parking lots and school yards where waste water isn't disposed of properly and can damage the environment.

## Rainy Day Tips

If your windshield wipers tend to smear rather than clear, heed the advice offered by ICA. Professional car washers and technicians know that wipers build up a thin layer of grime—especially after a dry spell. That grime keeps the rubber blade from contacting the glass, which results in smeared windshields and poor visibility.

ICA recommends the following solution: Keep blades clean by wiping them with a paper towel or cloth moistened with

rubbing alcohol; even water will do if alcohol is not available. If the wipers are hard to reach when at rest, turn the engine on, activate the wipers, then turn off the ignition; the blades will stop mid-windshield where you can reach them.

ICA also urges motorists to remember safety first. If you are caught in a rainstorm, pull off to a safe spot before attempting this quick fix. Best results are achieved when you replace wipers every four to six months.

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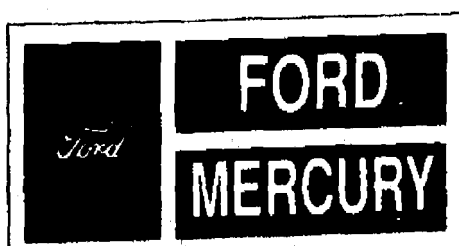
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# Tire Care Cuts Tire Wear

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Looking for a way to occupy the kids on a vacation trip? Assign them the project of comparing odometer readings with highway mileage markers. A tenth of a mile or two difference in a ten mile stretch is not unusual. Oversized tires will cause your odometer to read low, as well as your speedometer.

(Caution: The tire size excuse may not hold water with the trooper who says you're going faster than your speedometer indicates.)

New tires, with full tread, make more revolutions per mile than do bald tires. What happens to all that rubber that's worn off millions of tires? It's accumulated in an

invisible pile alongside our nation's highways, says the Car Care Council. Some of this rubber was scrubbed off because the wheels are out of alignment. (Remember how you can wear out a pencil eraser with the back and forth motion on paper?)

Imagine a car, driven about 12,000 miles a year, going down the road with wheels misaligned by just 0.17 inches. The driver must constantly tug at the wheel to keep the car going straight. In effect, the tires are being dragged sideways for the equivalent of 68 miles over the course of a year. This condition, along with underinflation, increases rolling resistance. End result, tires are wasted away and fuel economy drops as your gas goes out the exhaust.

It's costly neglect. The solution: keep tires properly inflated and wheels aligned and balanced. As with so many services, wheel alignment has become a computerized business. Sophisticated equipment calculates the vehicle's measurements and compares this information with the original equipment specifications from

the vehicle manufacturer.

The technician then makes necessary adjustments and, if necessary, replaces worn components. Some front wheel drive cars have adjustable rear wheels, which also may need alignment.

How do you know if your tires are wearing too quickly or unevenly? Steering irregularities, such as pulling in one direction or wandering, indicate either one tire underinflated or wheels misaligned. Your alignment or tire expert can recognize and diagnose abnormal tread wear patterns, says the Council. Determining and correcting the cause of abnormal wear can save a lot of money and go a long way toward improving the handling of the vehicle.

And it cuts down on the amount of rubber you'll leave on the road.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign, providing information about the benefits of proper vehicle maintenance and repair. For more information visit [www.car-care.org](http://www.car-care.org).

## Rust: A Nasty Four-Letter Word

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Henry Ford told buyers of his Model T they could select any color as long as it's black. Today we see cars in any of 7,000 hues, including shades of rust that won't appear on color chips in new car literature.

"Serious rust damage, including a hole right through the metal, can begin with a minor scratch in a parking lot from a shopping cart," said Rich White of the Car Care Council. "Steel is strong and lasts a lifetime when it's protected, but when that protection is invaded, the metal is exposed to the elements. That's when rust begins its invasion."

Cover paint chips as quickly as possible, White recommends. For a quick fix until you can get some touchup supplies, dab a little clear nail polish on the scratch. Touchup paint can be found for virtually every vehicle ever built, including antiques. Use the paint code number shown on the identification plate located on a door jamb, in the glove box, under the hood, in the trunk under the carpet next to the spare or wherever else the car maker has hidden it. The owner's manual will tell you how to find it.

"Some uncommon colors will have to be ordered where

auto parts are sold or from the Internet. Also available are scratch repair kits including everything needed from preparation to finishing a deep scratch," White said.

Small dents can be fixed with paintless dent repair, a service found either through local automotive suppliers, the classified section of the phone book or on the Internet.


Like so many aspects of car care, preventive maintenance is much easier and beneficial than corrective measures. Maintaining the original integrity of the finish keeps the vehicle in "like new" condition. The basic rules of body and paint maintenance apply:

Avoid parking in the hot sun; it can damage interior surfaces as well as the exterior. Wash the vehicle frequently, including areas underneath, with mild, safe products. Select and use cleaners and waxes carefully. A cleaner that is effective for one type of finish could be disastrous for another. Consult the vehicle owner's manual to be sure.


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